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SCRAP BOOK

WRIGHT W. ROCKHILL

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FOR CLERK.

It is generally understood that, for very good and sufficient reasons, the present incumbent will not be a candidate for re-election. However, the place will not go begging for candidates, W. W. Rockhill and John Vordermark having concluded to contest the prize. Mr. Rockhill is a young man whose nomination would be a credit to his party. He was born in Fort Wayne, and comes from a family whose members have done more for Democracy than any others in Allen county, and he is himself pre-eminently fitted for the discharge of the duties of the place. Against his name, there is no word of reproach; he is a representative young American, and deserves well of his fellow citizens. There is one objection to Mr. Rockhill, however, which may compass his defeat. He was neither born in Belfast nor Berlin, and without credentials of this character, he shows commendable pluck in asking anything of a Fort Wayne Democratic Convention. Mr. Vordermark is well known as a member of the present City Council, and a business man of good standing. Moreover, he knows "the boys," and how to work them, and possesses the one only qualification which his competitor lacks.

W. W. Rockhill seems to be the coming Democratic candidate for city clerk. He is a young man of clean repute, and would be an efficient officer. It behooves the Democracy of Fort Wayne to look well to its ticket, this spring.

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change is to be made, no better man could be secured, than Mr. F.

The city clerkship, is a plumb, which will be struggled for by the present incumbent, Mr. J. H. Trentman, and Mr. Wright Rockhill, the latter was a candidate at the last election, and hopes to make it this pull. He is an able young man, and would fill the place with credit. The affairs in the clerk's office, have been well managed by Mr. Trentman.

Wright W. Rockhill will be a candidate for city clerk, and will, no doubt, write up a big boom by the time the convention meets. Wright is one of the most promising young men in the city, and is very popular with the people of both parties.

Young Vordermark will go with new [illegible] the next [illegible] in the art of being a popular boniface.

W. W. Rockhill who will be a candidate for the nomination of City Clerk at the coming democratic convention appears to have the inside track, as it is generally understood that the present incumbent will not be a candidate for re-election. Mr. Rockhill is an exemplary, honest, capable young man and would make a first-class clerk.

Mr. John H. [illegible] carrying ten persons. They were exhumed, two of them dead and some others fatally injured.

Agricultural Society.

At a meeting of the Stockholders of the Agricultural Society this afternoon, M. E. Argo, W. W. Rockhill and W. D. Page were elected to serve as Directors for the ensuing three years, the balance of the old Board, except Mr. Evans holding over. At a subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors, W. A. Kelsey was elected president; M. V. B. Spencer, vice-president. W. W. Rockhill, secretary, and D. C. Fisher, treasurer. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in the belief of the Board of Directors, it will be useless to undertake another exhibition of this Society unless the citizens of Fort Wayne will unite with us in the enterprise of erecting a permanent exposition building.

Minutes Late.

Fort Wayne has a model city clerk. Since his election, Mr. Rockhill has not missed a council meeting and all persons having business at the clerk's office have found him uniformly courteous and accommodating.

THE SONG OF STEAM.

Harness me down with your iron bands,
Be sure of your curb and rein,
For I scorn the strength of your puny hands,
As the tempest scorns a chain!
How I laughed, as I lay concealed from sight,
For many a countless hour,
At the childish boast of human might,
And the pride of human power!

When I saw an army in the land,
A navy upon the seas,
Creeping along, a snail-like band,
Or waiting the easy wind-breeze,
When I marked the peasant fairly reel
With the toil which the faint flesh bore,
As he feebly turned at the tardy wheel,
Or toiled at the weary oar,

When I measured the panting courier's speed,
Found out of the earlier hour,
As they bore the king or a king decreed,
Or the lines of impatient lover,
I smiled not, but think how the world would feel,
As these were cut tripped astar,
When I should be bound to the rushing keel,
Or chained to the flying car!

Ha, ha, ha! they found me at last,
They reviled me forth at length,
And I rushed to my throne with a thunder blast,
And I laughed in my iron strength!
O, then they saw a wondrous change
On the face of the ocean wide,
Where now in my smiles range,
Navies for war and pride.

Ha, ha, ha! and the waters over,
I came to a steep decline!
Human souls have yielded to my power,
I, the world—the world is mine!
The rivers the sun hath earliest blest,
Or those where its beams decline,
The giant streams of the Queenly West,
And the orient floods divine.

For cheap piles where or I sweep,
To hear my strength rebellow,
As the messenger of the Arts I fly,
Quick, quick, I bring to you
Power, power, power, power, power,
The shoulder of the godlike giant,
The mind long after my firing from
And the light I leave behind.

To the darksome depths of the fathomless mine,
My tireless arm doth play,
Where the rocks never saw the sun's decline,
Or the dawn of the glorious day.
I bring earth's glittering jewels up
From the hidden caves below,
And I make the fountains gush to cup
With a crystal gush o'er flow

I blow the bellows, I forge the steel,
In all the shops of trade,
I hammer the ore and fire the wheel
Where my arms of strength are made,
I manage the furnace, the mill, the mint—
I carry, I spin, I weave;
And all my doings I put to print
On every Saturday eve.

I've no muscles to weary, no breast to decay,
No bones to be laid on the shelf;
And soon I intend you may "go and play,"
While I manage the world by myself
But harness me down with your iron bands,
Be sure of your curb and rein,
For I scorn the strength of your puny hands,
As the tempest scorns a chain!

Select Dra[illegible]

[illegible] weather.

City Clerk Rockhill has two clerks constantly at work on the tax duplicate, which he hopes to have ready by January 1. This work is all done at an enormous expense to the city clerk; still no pains or money has been spared to insure its perfection and push it forward to completion. The city never had a more capable, painstaking and accommodating clerk than Mr. Rockhill, and the people appreciate his services.

In to-day's issue, the announcement of Wright W. Rockhill as a candidate for city clerk appears. Mr. Rockhill who is one of the native young men of whom Fort Wayne is proud. He has very creditably filled the position of city clerk, during the term past, indeed, so well, that he will have no opposition. Mr. Rockhill is industrious, capable and obliging, and will be re elected by a very large majority.

CITY CLERK.

Mr. Editor—Please announce my name as a candidate for re-election to the office of City Clerk, subject to the decision of the Democratic Nominating Convention.

W. W. ROCKHILL.

The Vanquished Victor.

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—Albany Journal.

Taken from Sentinel

OFFICIAL VOTE OF ALLEN COUNTY. 1882

TOWNSHIPS AND PRECINCTS.	Secretary of State		Judge of Supr'me Court. 4th Dis.			Congressman		Judge Criminal Court.		Prosecuting Attorney		Clerk.		Sheriff.		Auditor.		Treasur'r		Recorder.		Coroner.		Surveyor		Commissioner. 3d Dist.	
	Myers	Hawn	Kirby	Zollars		Lowry	Glasgow	Heach	Stratton	Dawson	Rodabaugh	Maier	Hettler	Curtis	Schefler	Griebel	Bailes	Dalmon	Fisher	Heller	Hilbrecht	Wheelock	Heaton	Allen	Goshorn	Hogan	Briant
Adams Township	165	38	38	165	168	35	84	117	143	57	141	56	69	132	135	66	141	56	125	76	145	59	141	56	119	83
Aboite Township	87	105	104	89	102	91	73	117	83	110	86	107	80	112	78	114	80	112	80	114	82	109	84	95	54	129
Cedar Creek Township	194	108	108	194	195	107	184	120	185	118	186	117	166	134	172	129	182	121	185	119	151	129	190	86	157	126
Eel River Township	147	122	122	147	140	127	137	131	148	119	162	107	137	132	139	131	138	132	142	128	143	126	128	138	130	136
Jefferson Township	171	96	96	167	170	97	152	114	154	110	162	97	148	112	156	109	154	112	151	110	154	112	165	76	142	118
Jackson Township	38	29	29	38	39	28	34	30	37	30	39	28	33	31	37	30	39	27	37	28	31	29	85	21	25	31
Lake Township	173	110	111	172	178	104	112	164	130	153	124	157	128	150	113	169	116	165	147	157	119	162	183	96	116	164
Lafayette Township	188	108	107	189	190	107	183	122	181	122	184	118	175	125	182	122	173	127	183	122	182	112	199	97	170	119
Madison Township	201	78	78	201	200	79	181	93	191	88	189	85	160	111	190	87	190	89	190	89	189	85	189	87	153	107
Marion Township	183	81	71	194	183	81	142	122	146	118	150	108	96	165	132	128	134	129	151	113	140	123	139	123	103	147
Maumee Township	54	42	42	41	41	42	39	44	39	43	41	40	27	50	40	42	39	43	38	43	39	44	50	27	36	45
Milan Township	169	80	80	169	170	78	151	100	151	99	156	94	86	153	146	102	149	101	143	107	150	91	176	71	86	142
Monroe Township	264	101	104	225	268	106	233	127	258	111	253	118	235	126	251	110	258	117	304	70	260	112	262	108	236	131
Perry Township	222	80	80	222	220	80	173	123	190	112	190	114	168	131	183	118	190	112	183	117	204	97	200	95	161	130
Pleasant Township	226	122	121	226	228	118	171	183	181	175	175	179	155	195	162	193	172	177	174	182	172	176	177	177	136	204
Springfield Township	192	208	206	193	192	207	183	207	191	203	197	196	114	267	185	204	188	207	192	205	191	207	252	124	166	228
Scipio Township	35	38	38	35	33	40	31	67	31	66	32	66	25	71	32	61	31	67	31	67	31	43	72	36	28	43
St. Joseph Township	197	100	100	197	195	101	182	114	181	115	185	110	143	145	181	113	177	119	181	111	181	114	153	126	149	145
Wayne Township—First Precinct	163	101	101	163	165	95	140	119	151	108	161	97	123	137	133	127	141	119	134	136	144	118	118	144	126	136
" " —Second Precinct	138	68	63	144	143	67	123	83	134	72	143	62	103	102	112	91	118	90	112	97	122	83	104	105	94	114
Washington Township—First Precinct	170	103	102	171	172	124	153	118	157	113	166	103	137	131	144	125	152	133	75	133	77	142	71	135	66	142
" " —Second Precinct	83	125	125	82	81	101	72	135	74	134	76	132	71	135	75	131	75	121	152	120	159	114	148	123	147	124
New Haven Precinct	230	80	85	226	230	81	191	121	201	97	190	116	163	144	151	159	201	91	193	118	197	114	212	149	166	94
Fort Wayne—1st ward—1st precinct	227	84	71	241	236	76	196	116	197	112	192	118	176	136	174	139	194	120	180	133	199	113	150	164	160	144
" " —2d precinct	156	78	74	160	155	78	116	114	139	90	127	105	114	117	132	96	124	113	112	124	125	110	104	130	107	127
" —2d ward—1st precinct	285	134	123	300	300	116	264	162	282	135	288	136	240	181	239	180	252	173	232	192	261	160	211	216	241	179
" " —2d precinct	178	71	72	178	178	70	136	108	139	109	135	113	112	136	121	123	129	131	114	136	133	112	111	147	115	132
" —3d ward—1st precinct	161	93	72	181	175	79	124	125	145	104	146	109	114	137	122	129	127	128	120	134	126	128	119	135	131	119
" " —2d precinct	252	117	110	226	271	98	225	147	238	128	243	123	203	167	199	138	216	152	217	160	217	152	189	182	282	161
" —4th ward—1st precinct	184	121	110	194	198	107	160	136	175	125	172	128	128	171	145	153	158	145	149	152	157	144	133	170	142	161
" " —2d precinct	195	101	93	204	202	94	162	130	170	113	188	99	112	149	162	122	161	134	143	147	164	126	143	150	133	161
" —5th ward—1st precinct	129	161	154	135	150	139	103	183	145	141	130	152	74	213	104	181	109	183	103	189	104	135	83	198	39	204
" " —2d precinct	286	169	160	293	303	151	232	220	270	176	275	177	178	268	228	218	232	221	163	292	222	227	198	259	161	290
" —6th ward—1st precinct	194	111	111	194	197	105	169	129	174	126	172	128	163	139	168	130	172	130	172	129	173	128	170	129	164	137
" " —2d precinct	196	124	122	199	203	118	175	142	180	137	182	135	161	155	160	156	183	138	170	153	176	140	166	154	157	161
" —7th ward—1st precinct	220	108	106	221	221	107	186	143	190	136	188	138	188	140	183	146	189	138	184	143	188	140	184	145	185	142
" " —2d precinct	204	83	83	285	203	81	155	126	164	116	153	129	153	132	128	154	166	118	146	137	163	121	157	128	142	140
" —8th ward—1st precinct	218	82	81	219	219	79	180	117	118	110	164	131	158	139	152	145	171	126	161	137	168	128	140	157	152	142
" " —2d precinct	242	73	74	247	239	68	172	135	179	134	190	123	160	155	175	139	173	146	154	160	174	141	103	214	161	154
" —9th ward—1st precinct	114	25	25	114	114	27	99	37	103	35	100	41	98	40	90	50	98	40	92	47	95	41	57	42	92	45
" " —2d precinct	161	72	70	162	163	70	128	100	135	97	143	89	117	107	131	97	131	98	115	118	131	101	114	110	121	100
Totals	7279	3939	3826	7389	7433	760	6106	5032	6490	4597	6574	4581	5421	5673	5942	5184	6220	4986	6010	5240	6233	4888	6042	5430	5220	5590
Majorities	3340			1563	3673		1074		1893		1963			252	758		1234		770		1345		978			160

FORT WAYNE, July 1, 1882.

Neub. Mch 29th 1883

FOR CLERK

For this office, we have heard no name mentioned save that of Mr. W. W. Rockhill, the present incumbent, who has been a faithful, competent, attentive and conscientious officer. The city of Fort Wayne cannot afford to dispense with Mr. Rockhill's services, and the Democratic party would dishonor itself by withholding from him a nomi-

May 1st 1883

Democratic Ticket.

For Mayor
G. A. ZOLLINGER.

For Clerk,
W. W. ROCKHILL.

For Treasurer,
HENRY C. BERGHOFF.

For Marshal,
FRANK FALKER.

For Assessor,
LOUIS JOCQUEL.

For Trustee of the Water Works,
J. F. W. MEYER.

For Councilman—3rd Ward,
JAMES WOULFE.

Sentinel June 2, 1884

Sunday mording's *Gazette* contained the following kind notice of our worthy city clerk: "Among the worthy democratic officials in office, none give more general satisfaction than City Clerk Rockhill. Should Roxey at some future time aspire for a county office his past record will be a sufficient guarantee. It may be truthfully said that he is one of the best clerks Fort Wayne ever had. I don't favor too much prominence for youthful politicians, but I know Rockhill, and I mean just what I say."

Sentinel May 29, 1884

The delegates to the city convention, which convenes at City hall to-night to nominate a candidate for water works trustee, were chosen as follows:

First ward—O. Kramer, J. H. Hartman, Charles Rose, William Kaough.

Second ward—John McGowan, M. Walsh, Fred Becker, Joseph Nix.

Third ward—James Woulfe, Peter Eggemann, Charles Aufrecht, Louis Schroeder, sr.

Fourth ward—W. D. Maier, Fred Moyers, Phil Lindlag and William Yergens.

Fifth ward—E. Starke, Joseph M. Fry, H. C. Paul and C. E. Jones.

Sixth ward—Tom Ahearn, Timothy Hogan, August Friday, Gust Fox and George Markey, jr.

Seventh ward—S. Weigand, George J. Alter, M. Kramer and William Hoch.

Eighth ward—William Kramer, Henry Hitzeman, John Shuster and Nicholas Zuber.

Ninth ward—Louis Hazzard, F. Figel, Fred Starke and Tom Ahearn.

BOURBONS IN CONCLAVE.

The Democratic city convention met at the city hall last night for the purpose of nominating a water works trustee and transacting such other business as might come before it. There was a full representation, each ward presenting four delegates. Upon motion, W. W. Rockhill was called to the chair, and Henry Colerick was chosen secretary.

The chairman announced the business of the convention and declared nominations for the positions of water works trustees in order. The name of Charles McCulloch was announced and on motion he was declared the nominee by acclamation.

Upon call, City Attorney Colerick stated that while he believed that the law would sustain his opinion, that Deitrich Meyer was elected to fill the entire unexpired term of ex-Marshal Falker, still, in order to avoid any future controversies, or possible complications, he would recommend that the convention name a nominee for city marshal. D. Meyer, the present incumbent, was thereupon nominated by acclamation.

At the conclusion of the nominations the following gentlemen were named committeemen from the various wards:

First Ward—Henry Monning.
Second Ward—Michael Walsh.
Third Ward—A. Wolf.
Fourth Ward—W. D. Maier.
Fifth Ward—Andy Thieme.
Sixth Ward—Nicholas DeWald.
Seventh Ward—Wm. Hoch.
Eighth Ward—John Krock.

Sentinel May 5/84

The City Convention.

Saturday night the city convention convened in the council chamber on Barr street. Mr. W. W. Rockhill was chosen chairman and Mr. Henry Colerick secretary. The roll call showed a full representation from every ward. Mr. Rockhill announced that nominations for water works trustee were in order. W. D. Maier announced the name of Charles McCulloch, who was unanimously nominated as a candidate for water works trustee to serve three years.

City Attorney Colerick was then called on and stated that the question as to the length of Marshal Meyer's term of office was shrouded in very fine legal points, and advised it best to nominate and elect him now, thereby setting at rest all questions as to his right to the place. Mr. Deidrich Meyer was then unanimously nominated for marshal.

The following ward committeemen were then named and the convention adjourned:

First ward—Henry Monning.
Second ward—Michael Walsh.
Third ward—A. Wolf.
Fourth ward—W. D. Maier.
Fifth ward—Andy Theime.
Sixth ward—Nicholas DeWald.
Seventh ward—Wm. Hoch.
Eighth ward—John Krock.
Ninth ward—F. C. Boltz.

She was ready for bed and lay upon my arm,
In her little tucked cap so fine,
With her golden hair falling out at the edge,
Like a circle of moon sunshine.
And I hummed the old tune of "Brambury Cross"
And "Three Men Who Put Out to Sea,"
When she sleepily said, as she closed her blue eyes,
"Papa, tot would you take for me?"

And I answered "A dollar, dear little heart,"
And she slept, baby weary with play;
But I held her warm in my love-strong arms,
And rocked her and rocked away
O the dollar meant all the world to me,
The land and the sea and the sky,
The lowest depth of of the lowest place,
The highest of all that's high.

The cities with streets and palaces,
Their pictures and stories of art,
I would not take for one low, soft throb
Of my little one's loving heart.
Nor all the gold that was ever found
In the busy wealth finding past,
Would I take for one smile of my darling's face,
Did I know it must be the last

So I rocked my baby and rocked away,
And I felt such a sweet content,
For the words of the song expressed to me more
Than they ever before had meant.
And the night crept on and I slept and dreamed
Of things far too glad to be
And I wakened with lips saying close in my ear:
"Papa, tot would you take for me?"

1884

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For President,
GROVER CLEVELAND.
For Vice President
THOMAS A. HENDRICKS.
Presidential Electors at Large,
BAYLESS W. HANNA,
WILLIAM D. H. HUNTER.
Presidential District Electors
1st District—WILLIAM F. TOWNSEND.
2d District—HENRY S. CAUTHORN.
3d District—AARON A. GRAVENS.
4th District—FRANK E. GAVIN.
5th District—WILLIS HICKAM.
6th District—NIMROD R. ELLIOTT.
7th District—JAMES A. NEW.
8th District—JAMES M. SELLER.
9th District—WILLIAM R. OGLEBAY.
10th District—JOHANNES KOPELKE.
11th District—WILLIAN H. HARKINS.
12th District—WILLIAM H. DILLS.
13th District—MORTIMER NYE.
For Governor,
ISAAC P. GRAY.
For Lieutenant Governor,
MAHLON D. MANSON.
For Secretary of State
WILLIAM R. MYERS.
For Auditor of State,
JAMES H. RICE.
For Treasurer of State,
JOHN J. COOPER.
For Attorney General,
FRANCIS T. HORD.
For Superintendent of Public Instruction
JOHN W. HOLCOMBE.
For Judge Supreme Court, 5th Dist.,
JOSEPH A. S. MITCHELL.
For Reporter Supreme Court,
JOHN W. KERN.
For Representative in Congress 12th Cong. Dist.
ROBERT LOWRY.
For Prosecuting Attorney 38th Judicial Circuit,
CHARLES M. DAWSON.
For Joint Senator Allen and Whitley Counties,
ELI W. BROWN.
For Representatives,
ALBERT W. BROOKS.
JOSEPH D. McHENRY.
FRED. J. HAYDEN.
For Judge Superior Court,
SAMUEL M. HENCH.
For Sheriff of Allen County,
DE GROFF NELSON.
For Treasurer of Allen County,
JOHN DALMAN.
For Coroner of Allen County
JAMES M. DINNEN.
For Surveyor of Allen County,
OCHMIG BIRD WILEY.
For County Commissioner, 2d District,
JEROME D. GLOYD.
For County Commissioner, 3rd District,
JOHN H. GRANNAN.

A CARRIER'S ADDRESS.

[CONTRIBUTED.]

A carriers' address I'm requested to write
For the JOURNAL'S newsboys this chilli wintry night.
No topic is named, no meter or rythm,
But simply the order prepare it is given.
I promise, and yet hesitatingly ask
If hope of reward may depend on the task?
To this is replied, "Be gone and return
With a carrier's address written up in good form!"
Now trouble begins, and I cudgel my brain,
I think o'er the subject again and again.
I remember the dove that old Noah let loose;
'Twas a carrier pigeon proclaiming good news.
For whom was the message leaves me in the dark,
Since all living things were cooped up in the ark.
Perhaps this address will be read by as few
As witnessed the dove o'er the waste as it flew.
This lengthy preamble I trust you'll excuse,
It will fill up the page though may fail to amuse.
The clock in the court house strikes twelve and I stop
For a moment to think of the year that's gone out.
Another leaf turned in the great book of life.
Inscribed on the page are the struggles and strife
Of humanity. What a world of reflection its contents suggest
Our memory turns back to those we loved best
And they live once again—then vanish perforce,
And time rolls along in its pitiless course.
Events that have passed come up in review,
Affording occasion to comment on a few.
Selecting those only amusement to lend.
Asking pardon if anything said should offend.
The bitter campaign, thank heaven, is over,
Bringing sorrow to Blaine and blessings to Grover.
Ben Butler and Belva recede from our view.
To our patron Saint John—here's a bumper to you,
And Burchard, dear boy, shall not be forgotten.
Hereafter present your address to Mulhatten.
I am told that our city is now overrun
With seekers for office for "work" they have done.
The drones have waked up to the fact we have won,
And cheekily blow about what they have done.
I will give you the "slate" as I dreamed it one night,
And as time goes along see how near I am right.
Charley Z——will be agent for pensions, this state,
To fill the position his ability is great.
Billy K——will be postmaster I give you this straight,
The "Jeffs" are behind him, this effort they'll make.
They tell me Doc Metcalf looks wiser of late,
And points to some letters of quite recent date.
Abe Wolf will smoke Dougall out of his nest,
"Al" is a good boy but must go with the rest.
Jim Harper feels safe in commissioner's chair
His fees for the year scarcely paid his car fare.
Jim Woulfe is dead sure of Tom Sullivan's place,
You can bet dollars to cents Jim has won in this race.
For Speaker, lower House, Charley Jewett you'll find,
McMullen and Gooding are left clear behind
Should McDonald to Cleveland's cabinet succeed,
R——C——B——could assist to some office you need.
In city affairs I am clear out of joint,
But I'll give you a pointer—perhaps a straight point,
Berghoff, Rockhill and Meyer will their places retain,
They have served us so well, we shall try them again.
There is Colerick and Jocquel and Dennis O'Brien,
Are sure of their places, as also Pat Ryan.
For Mayor—yes for Mayor—the problem is hard
Charley Muhler, Bob Fisher or Sidney Lombard?
I must not forget as I'm passing along
To speak of the "Jeffs" over three hundred strong,
And the great part they played in the recent campaign,
Sending "Old Allen" four thousand 'gainst Blaine.
How oft we excursioned sister towns to assist,
Not once I remember when Mike Kaylor was missed.
Henry Colerick helped Hurd—out of Congress they say,
By a speech that he made in Toledo one day,
Or rather one night when the "Jeffs" made a trip.
To brace up the Buckeyes—Hurd speaks of it yet.
"Attention Jeffersonians," will be heard once again,
When we march with our flag in the coming campaign.

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We hail the New Year at whose threshold we stand,
And pray the Almighty to bless our fair land;
With peace and prosperity, employment for all,
Good wages and harvests for those who may toil,
In your rambles to day amidst pleasure and joy
Forget not the stipend earned by the Newsboy.

Sentinel April 4, 1885

W. W. Rockhill a Candidate for City Clerk.

Mr. W. W. Rockhill announces himself to-day as a candidate for re-election to the office of city clerk. Wright is personally popular, as clever as man can be, and always courteous and obliging. He has served the city well—so well that his official career is without a stain and receives the approval of the people of Fort Wayne as being without a parallel. Few men realize the importance and difficulty of managing this office. Mr. Rockhill is the council's clerk, keeps a record of all monies paid to the city, holds an eye over the departments that bring the government a revenue, keeps the record of all improvement assessments, and in short controls the purse strings of the city. The importance of having an experienced book-keeper, a faithful, tried, efficient, and honest man can be seen at a glance, and Mr. Rockhill fills that bill exactly.

"Rudy" Reinewald, the candidate for mayor, was pretty badly broken up yesterday. Wright Rockhill, the city clerk, was in "Rudy's" ward and made a good effort to do up "Rudy."

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City Attorney Colerick has asked Wright Rockhill to prepare a certified copy of all council proceedings in the important suits now pending in the supreme court, and involving thousands of dollars. Mr. Rockhill is at work on the important task and under the system of keeping books and accounts established by him, he is enabled to present a clear, concise statement of the municipal action on the matters, thus enabling the city to win her cases. On a former occasion the clerk of the supreme court took occasion to compliment Mr. Rockhill's efficiency, saying in a letter to Mr. Henry Colerick, "I never had correspondence with a man more thorough and careful than W. W. Rockhill, your city clerk, whom I never personally met."

The *Gazette* pays Mr. W. W. Rockhill, the city clerk, this compliment: "Wright Rockhill, the genial reading clerk, will undoubtedly be returned by the people. During his official life Mr. Rockhill has never missed a council meeting, and the perception and intelligence he displayed materially aided the council in transacting business."

A WORD TO BUSINESS MEN, PROPERTY HOLDERS AND TAXPAYERS

At the approaching city election a new mayor and almost a new council is to be chosen. No matter how worthy and capable these gentlemen may be, it would be a calamity to place the city in entirely new hands without some experienced or guiding spirit. Wright W. Rockhill seeks a re-election. He has made the best clerk the people of Fort Wayne ever had. He needs no certificate to prove his fitness for the place, that at best only pays enough for a man to live on. Wright Rockhill was born here and has lived here all his life. He is not attacking anyone. He is too clean for that. Neither is he an importation. He knows the business of the city, helped to put it out of debt, helped to wipe out the floating orders, and place Fort Wayne on a cash basis. In the next two years half the city debt will have to be refunded. Do the people want a stranger to handle this business? Do the people who pay tax want their burden doubled? Mr. Rockhill is too good a man to lose. He can aid the new council and the mayor, and familiarize them with the business that so interests every business man, property holder and tax payer. THE SENTINEL has no fear that any person can come within 3,000 votes of Mr. Rockhill, but a word as to his worth is due so good a public servant.

An Appeal to the Voters of the City.

To the Editor of the Journal:

We, the members of the Cigarmakers' Union, No. 37, of Fort Wayne, refuse to be handed over to young Reinewald or sanction the card he published in the Gazette that the executive committee of the Union resolved to support him for city clerk. The cheek of the boy takes the cake, and we ask all workingmen to beware for the sake of common decency and justice to our cause, do not vote for him. He has been an eyesore to our Union and has cowardly stabbed labor organizations in the back. Now he supposes he can command our votes. We do not solicit votes for any other person, but Rhudy Rienewald does not merit a workingman's vote, we sincerely assure you.

Respectfully yours,

CHARLES H. ECKERT,
ALBERT MILLER,
C. J. KELLER,
CHAS KLEMLER,
WILLIAM MAHRT,
CHARLEY BENZ,
H. B. SPRINGER,
R. JANSA,
H. COHEN,
AUG. C. BRANDT,
THOS. C. McGEE,
H. C. ANDERSON,
GEO. BEVILLER,
F. JOURNS,
B. SCHUBERT,
P. BISSENGER,
H. OSTHOUSE.

FORT WAYNE, May 1, 1885.

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LOOK AT THIS!

THE PEOPLE'S TICKET!

For Mayor,
SIDNEY C. LUMBARD.
For Clerk,
WILSON E. McDERMUT.
For Treasurer,
HENRY C. BERGHOFF.
For Marshal,
CYRUS FIKE,
For Assessor,
CHARLES REESE.
For Water Works Trustee,
THOMAS B. HEDEKIN.
For Councilmen,
1st Ward—Thomas C. Smith.
2d " —Christian Tresselt.
3d " —Henry H. Robinson.
4th " —Anthony Kelker.
5th " —Robert Gage.
6th " —John H. Fitzgerald.
7th " —James E. Gralom.
8th " —William G. Schieffer.
9th " —Aime Racine

AND THEN AT THIS!

THE RING TICKET!

For Mayor,
CHARLES F. MUHLER.
For Clerk,
WRIGHT W. ROCKHILL.
For Treasurer,
HENRY C. BERGHOFF.
For Marshal,
DICK MEYER.
For Assessor,
CHARLES REESE.
For Water Works Trustee,
THOMAS B. HEDEKIN.
For Councilmen,
1st Ward—Christian Kramer.
2nd " —Christian Tresselt.
3rd " —James Woulfe.
4th " —Milton N. Webber.
5th " —Joseph A. M. Storm.
6th " —Frederick Schwartz.
7th " —John Wessel, jr.
8th " —William Doehrman.
9th " —Henry Stoll.

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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For Mayor,
CHARLES F. MUHLER.

For Clerk,
W. WRIGHT ROCKHILL.

For Treasurer,
HENRY C. BERGHOFF.

For Marshal,
DIEDRICH MEYER.

For Assessor,
CHARLES REESE.

For Trustee of the Waterworks,
THOMAS B. HEDEKIN.

Third Ward.

For Councilman Third Ward,
JAMES WOULFE.

May 1888

Independent Ticket.

For Mayor
SIDNEY C. LUMBARD.
For Clerk,
WRIGHT W. ROCKHILL.
For Treasurer,
HENRY C. BERGHOFF
For Marshal,
CYRUS FIKE.
For Assessor,
CHARLES REESE.
For Water Works Trustee,
THOMAS B. HEDEKIN.

Third Ward.

For Councilman,
HENRY H. ROBINSON

May 1888

Issued before Primary Election for Nomination May 1885

READ! READ!

Nailed to the Counter.!

Lies and misrepresentations of the Ringsters on Rudolph C. Reinewald, the Workingmen's Candidate for City Clerk.

Whereas, the Executive Board of Cigar Makers Union No. 37 unanimously endorsed the candidacy of Rudolph C. Reinewald for City Clerk, and Chas. Eckart who is a bitter personal enemy of Mr. Reinewald, has caused a protest to be published, signed by himself and a few non-resident travelling cigar makers including two tramp cigar makers employed at Boltz & Oppenheim.s, who have only been in this city some two or three days, it is proper that the public should know the true inwardness of this malicious attempt to injure Mr. Reinewald. Mr. Reinewald is a working man and a practical cigar maker and has the good will and endorsement of the workingmen in general, and all the men of standing in his own trade, except perhaps a single personal enemy.

MORE LIES NAILED.

The following speaks for itself: Unscrupulous opponents of Mr. Rudolph C. Rinewald having lately been circulating reports that he has not educational qualifications sufficient for the office of City Clerk. I hereby state that Mr. Reinewald was for several years a pupil of mine, and as his late teacher, I am willing to vouch that his education and abilities are abundantly adequate to the discharge of all duties appertaining to the office to which he aspires.

D. LINDMAN,
Teacher Emanuel Lutheran Church.

Noticing a statement in yesterday's *Gazette* questioning the sufficiency of the qualifications of Mr. Rudolph C. Reinewald for the position of city clerk, I have this to say to "Growler." When I was deputy collector of internal revenue my duties called upon me to inspect Mr. Reinewald's books once a month. I invariably found his accounts accurate and his books kept in a businesslike manner, fully equal to those of any other cigar manufacturer in my division. I do not see why "Growler" should question Mr. Reinewald's qualifications for the position.

ALLEN H. DOUGALL.

Tuesday evening's *Sentinel* by implication shamefully misrepresents Mr. Rinewald. It says "Rockhill" is no importation. Neither is Mr. Reinewald, who was born and raised in this city.

Mr. Reinewald needs no certificate to prove his fitness, but was compelled to take this means of squelching the lies of Rockhill's friends, who were loudly blowing around that Reinewald was not qualified for the position. The *Sentinel's* assertion that Rockhill "helped to put the city out of debt" is funny—very, when as is well known Rockhill is away in arrears and does not pay his taxes. Rockhill also broke up in business some time ago, and owes thousands of dollars to his creditors. A man who cannot attend to his own business properly is not the right sort of a man to attend to that of the city. Besides Mr. Reinewald is a good democrat, and why should the *Sentinel*, which claims to be a democratic organ take part for or against any democrat before the nomination. The reason is that Rockhill is in the city ring and the *Sentinel*, which sustains its reputation for being, not the organ of the party, but of the ring. Also, Rockhill has had two terms already. Vote against ring rule and third termers. Vote for an honest, well qualified workingman.

VOTE FOR

RUDOLPH C. REINEWALD

FOR CITY CLERK.

May 1885

CITY CLERK!

To the Voters of the City of Fort Wayne:

At the urgent request of a large number of friends, I have decided to allow my name to be used as an

Independent Candidate

—FOR—

CITY CLERK

I am very grateful for the many expressions of good will which have been received from many quarters, and, if elected, shall discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability.

WILSON E. McDERMUT.

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A DEMOCRATIC DAY.

The Voting Closes Quietly With Splendid Majorities for the City officers and Seven of the Nine Councilmen.

When the polls closed yesterday people began to figure on the democratic majority, the only question being as to the chances of a few councilmen. Mr. Charles F. Muhler ran well everywhere and received solid, substantial support. Wright Rockhill was away ahead of his ticket everywhere, and especially where he was opposed the hardest. This shows a man may be loved for the enemies he has. Henry Berghoff got a splendid testimonial vote, as did also Messrs. Reese and Hedekin. Sidney C. Lambard made a hard fight, but the republicans would not support him stoutly, nor as warmly as a few personal democratic friends. In any event he could not defeat Mr. Muhler, who would have divided the stay-at-home-vote and gone in with a round thousand majority. In the First ward Christ Kramer made a sweep as did Mr. Tresselt in the Second, Mr. Woulfe in the Third, Mr. Storm in the Fifth and Mr. Doehrman in the Eighth.

In the Fourth ward Milton N. Webber was hemmed in between the aspirants for the mayoralty, who live there, and besides he had to run the gauntlet between the friends of Street Commissioner O'Brien and James Ryan, who seeks the place. The chief of the fire department and other positions figured in the contest, and through the coolness of the democrats, he was defeated. Mr. Webber would make no promises, saying he would prefer defeat.

In the Sixth ward Fred Swartz defeated J. H. Fitzgerald by a light vote. The fight was hot and fought on its merits, so that THE SENTINEL can congratulate Mr. Swartz, who, since he left the police force, has not touched a drop of liquor and is a square, honorable man.

Johnny Wessel is the Napoleon of the day. He fought against big odds and factions, but defeated Mr. James E. Graham, who was especially favored by the *News*. Congratulations were showered on Mr. Wessel.

In the Ninth word Henry Stoll was the victim of neglect and spite, but Mr. Rieme is a nice, clean gentleman, who will do right.

Wright Rockhill tells me he is not a candidate for county clerk or any other county office and would not be induced to run. Said he: "The people have done handsomely with me in returning me as city clerk. I appreciate their kindness and prefer to serve them in that capacity to the best of my ability. No, sir, I will not be a candidate for any county office, and the GAZETTE can say so. There is plenty of material in the field now."

Mr. W. W. Rockhill, the city clerk, is quite ill with an attack of malarial fever. He was somewhat better this morning, but will not be at his office for some days. City Treasurer Borghoff will act as clerk at the council meeting to-morrow night. This is the first time Mr. Rockhill was ever absent from a council meeting and his genial face will be missed.

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Republican "TROLLER," Jany 1885

Points Personal and Political Picked up in his Strolls Around Town.

I hear Rockhill with Capt. Diehl was around the shops the other day electioneering. The boys told Rockhill that he had two terms, and ought to be satisfied, and that getting Diehl a chronic office seeker, and renegade, Republican to go with him, did not help him any. Rocky pleaded poverty, but some of the boys told him he had better not drive so many fast horses, and save his money. I hear that Rockhill is promising deputy clerkships right and left. Among others to John Cutler, Hollihan of the Auditors office, butcher Wolt's boy and others. Many anti-ring Democrats are insisting that W. S. O'Rourke, should come out for city attorney as Henry Colerick is making himself conspicious electioneering for Rockhill and other ring-men. The ring have created a new office for one of their henchmen. Harry Campbell that of Sanitary policeman. Why cannot the marshal and his three deputies who have nothing to do but longe around the corners attend to this business, or what has the Street commissioner's deputy to do? This new unnecessary office is an imposition on the taxpayers of the city. I hear that Judge Sinclair was around the shops with Rockhill. Helping Rockhill, the ring candidate, who wants a third term, wont help the Judge. Down with third terms is the cry of all honest men. I hear that it is pretty certain the people will elect an anti-ring council, and in that event Capt. L. Smith will be our next chief of police

WHY, WRIGHT.

Serious Charge Against the City Clerk of Overtaxing Fees.

News Jany 19/86

This morning, Stephen W. Chase, Justice of the Peace of Washington township, called at the NEWS office to complain that the City Clerk had charged him a fee of one dollar each on tax-sales, whereas the law only allows fifty cents. When remonstrated with, the Clerk acknowledged the error, and paid back the excess. Now, what Mr. Chase, and the public generally, is interested to know, is to what extent has this custom been indulged in? The NEWS is unwilling to believe that Mr. Rockhill has done anything that he knew to be wrong; but in view of Mr. Chase's statements, it is due to himself that the Clerk should give an explanation of facts in the case, and we freely extend to him the columns of the NEWS for that purpose.

How Our City and County Officials Skin the Public and Wax Rich.

Sentinel. Jany 21/86

Stephen W. Chase, a Justice of the Peace of Washington township makes the complaint that city Clerk Rockhill, charged him, the other day, a fee of one dollar each on tax sales while the law only allows 50 cents. Rockhill don't deny the soft impeachment but lets himself down easily by saying that he didn't know the law on the subject, but will look it up. "Where ignorance is profit 'tis folly to be wise. How does it come that such officials as County Auditor Greiebel and City Clerk Rockhill when they come to be caught charging illegal and exhorbitant fees always claim ignorance or doubt of the law of the case. It is very remarkable that they are never detected charging less fees than the law allows. O no—their alleged ignorance of the law always redowns to the filling of their pockets at the expense of the public.

City Clerk Rockhall yesterday discovered that on certain tax certificates issued by him, he had collected twenty-five cents more than the legal rate. Mr. Rockhill at once sent notice to all persons who had made such payment that the amount was in his hands to their credit. The whole amount of such charges is $9.25 News Jany 20/86

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Our New Postmaster.

As announced in yesterday's SENTINEL William Knough received the appointment of postmaster of the city of Fort Wayne. Mr. Knough was born and raised in Allen county and is well and favorably known by most all of our people. His appointment was received at the hands of Hon. Robert Lowry, member of congress from this district, on account of personal and political friendship. There were only two applicants for the office, Mr. Knough and Hon. F. P. Randall. They were both warm friends of Mr. Lowry and it was very difficult for him to decide between the two gentlemen. Mr. Randall was endorsed by a host of friends and would have made a competent and straightforward postmaster. Mr. Knough was also endorsed by many democrats, including the officers and rank and file of the Jeffersonian club. His strong support came from the young men. He is chairman of the democratic county central committee and a very active democrat. We predict that he will make a prompt, capable and active postmaster. Only two of the clerks in the postoffice will be retained, Mrs. Huffman and Mr. Fred Drake. The first deputy will very likely be Mr. Howell Rockhill, an energetic and competent young man. The other places will be supplied by deserving and efficient democrats. We hope Mr. Knough, in selecting his mail carriers and we might also add deputies, will pay strict attention to the character and standing of the applicants. Let none but sober men be put on guard.

The retiring officials, Mr. F. W. Keil, his valuable assistant, Mr. Woodworth, and the deputies and mail carriers have all done their duty well and when they step down and out from the walks of official life, they carry with them the best wishes of all our people.

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The Excursionists.

BUFFALO, N. Y. MARCH 26, '86.

To the Editor of the JOURNAL:

The Fort Wayne boys arrived here last evening at 6:45 and took quarters at the Tifft House, one of the very nicest hotels in the country. We had a very pleasant trip from Fort Wayne to Cleveland on Wednesday, arriving at Cleveland in due time. We had a good supper at the McKean restaurant, after which the party divided, part going to Kennard, Weddell and Hawley Hotels. On Thursday morning all were out in fine shape, to take in the sights of the city, which was continued till 10:30 a. m, when we all boarded the Nickel Plate for Buffalo, the "Queen City of the lakes." We had a most delightful trip during the entire afternoon, passing through some delightful country.

We found a good deal snow along the route. We came to Erie late in the afternoon. This is a very beautiful and lively little city. As before stated, we arrived at Buffalo in due time. This morning the boys are nearly all off for Niagara Falls to take in the sights in that region. All are quite well and feeling "tip-top" except our pet, Wright Rockhill, who was a little under the weather yesterday afternoon, but as we had a couple of doctors in the crowd, Wright was soon brought out all O. K. and is bright as a "May lark" this morning. We very much missed John Mohr, as it was especially arranged that he should be with us. While we missed Mr. Mohr very much, George Ely did the dld the fine honors of the trip in most exquisite style, assisted by Bird Wiley, DeGroff Nelson, Dr. Metcalf and other good artists. It is quite impossible for us to do justice to the grand performances of Brother Ely—to put it mildly, he is a grand success as a traveling artist,—his plays all being grand and tasteful in the full sense of these terms. George's assistants played well, and on several occasions played their parts in fine style, especially in the "split board," acts. George got into a little trouble at one time, and was taken in charge by Sheriff Nelson. The JOURNAL man came to his rescue, and after proper explanations all around, it was found out that the sheriff had got the wrong man, as George was in company with an "Oskhosh man," which was the real cause of the unfortunate act. All was explained and George Ely was a bigger bird than ever

When George gets back home he will explain the whole matter to his many admirers at the "Summit city," and they with one accord will exclaim "All is well that ends well." Well, the boys are all out and we are taking in the sights (to us at least) of Buffalo. During the forenoon we met D. S. Alexander, Esq., formerly of Fort Wayne, and more recently of Washington, D. C. Mr. A., has located here and is practicing law with much success. He desires to be kindly remembered by his old friends at Fort Wayne, as he says that he must kindly remember the good people of that city. This is a nice city and has many pleasing features for the stranger. There are some very nice newspaper offices here, the Courier, Express, Commercial, Times and others. The Courier is a splendid establishment and at this dull time of the year is running a a force of 524 persons. In short, it is a "boss concern." Our party will start for home on Saturday morning and arrive at home on Saturday night or Sunday morning and our party fully appreciates the courtesies extended by the most excellent, and gentlemanly management of the Nickel Plate railway company; and especially do we all appreciate the kind treatment we have been the recipients of, from Hon. R. C. Bell, attorney for this excellent railway management. We find that all of the employes of this railway are true gentlemen and know just how to treat people on their line. When we get back to our sanctum, we shall have more to say about this more than pleasant trip, and to remember the comrades for their kindness, THE JOURNAL MAN.

The finance committee made its final report and it concludes with thanks to the council for its economical policy, with this handsome testimonial from Messrs. Mohr, Ely and Storm to Wright Rockhill and Henry Berghoff: "And again we remark that the efficiency of the clerk and treasurer, under whose admirable system it would be quite unreasonable for any finance committee to lose its bearing or miscalculate." The report shows a surplus of $30,000 in the treasury and hints at a new city hall, or some other disposition of the cash which will probably go towards reducing the debt.

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THE JEFFERSONIAN CLUB.

Its New Officers and the Purposes It Has.

Almost a hundred members of the Jeffersonian club assembled in the circuit court room last night. Hon. Montgomery Hamilton called the meeting together and in a neat speech resigned the presidency. Mr. Hamilton referred to the splendid work the club accomplished, the fame it won and asked that it be continued in all its power. Mr. J. M. Barrett was called to the chair and the election of officers resulted:

President—Chas. McCulloch.
Vice-President—Louis Fox.
Treasurer—Fred C. Boltz.
Secretary—Wright W. Rockhill.

A committee consisting of Hon. Charles McCulloch, Fred C. Boltz, J. M. Barrett, A. J. Moynihan, A. P. Glutting, Hon. E. L. Clattenden, Patrick Ryan and J. W. Vordermark were named to report on the advisability of changing the plan of organization to necessitate the opening of permanent headquarters. The committee will meet to-morrow night and the club will meet again Monday night. The club will be popular, and no fee will be levied to bar the most humble. This club is destined to win universal favor. The military officers of the uniform rank were not changed. They consist of Col. C. A. Munson and Lieutenants Ryan and Fickel.

Democratic City Convention.

We, the undersigned members of the democratic city central committee, hereby call call a meeting of said committee, to be held at the City hall at 7:30 p. m., April 22, 1886, for the purpose of fixing a time for the primaries to nominate democratic candidates for the council and election of delegates to nominate a candidate for trustee of the water works.

C. M. Comparet,
A. Wolf,
Willis D. Maier,
O. P. Morgan,
Henry Lindeman,
Tim Hogan,
Peter J. Scheid,
Byron Hattersley,
Fred C. Boltz,
Committeemen.

May 1, 1886

THE PRIMARIES.

Full List of Delegates to the Congressional Convention.

The Democratic Primaries on Saturday, resulted in the choice of the following delegates to the Auburn Congressional Convention:

First Ward—John Hartman and Wm Schwier.

Second Ward—F. Schmuckle and G. W. Lucas.

Third Ward—P. H. Kane and Chas. Bender.

Fourth Ward—James M. Kane and Phil Lintlag.

Fifth Ward—Louis Huser, Jos. Singmaster and John C. Peters.

Sixth Ward—Theodore Merz and Dave Hunter.

Seventh Ward—Conrad Eggeman, Phil Kuntz and W. J. Kerr.

Eighth Ward—Wm. Brade, C. Shuler and Fred Miller.

Ninth Ward—F. C. Boltz and Jake Cretin.

I strolled into the Auditor's office the other day, and over-heard Griebel overhaul Rudy Rinewald and charge him with being the author of one of my paragraphs reflecting on "my Louis," and which seems to have hit said Louis in a tender place. Griebel said the Dispatch was "not much account" anyhow. Aha! Louis! my Louis, but you squeal all the same. The striken bird flutters. Every crooked cove that has ever been winged by the Dispatch turns up his "snoot" and howls "its not much account anyhow." Whenever you hear a chap make that remark, you bet your sweet life he's a lame duck. All the lame ducks that ever have been winged by the Dispatch, all the official plunderers and robbers that have ever been exposed by the Dispatch yell as they limp off "its not much account anyhow." As the anti-diluvian said to Noah during the flood, "Go on with your old ark; its not going to be much of a shower anyhow." Louis did dirty tricks against Rudy Rinewald when he ran for city clerk. Louis backed Rockhill, with the understanding that Rockhill would back him for a second term. Just as I strolled out of Griebel's office after overhearing the remarks alluded to I saw Rockhill and Glutting going over to Stutz's to take their swi-bier together. Aha! Griebel your Rockhill speculation didn't pan out. Rockhill is working his best for Andy Glutting. Then Griebel after all had the check to

Dispatch April 29, 1886

Sentinel May 26/86.

The council last night voted Mr. W. W. Rockhill a month's leave of absence. Mr. Rockhill has been ill for some time and will go to Waukesha for his health. Mr. Rockhill is not running for office now and needs no encomiums for any special purpose, but he is an admirable officer, a kind, courteous gentleman, and the affairs of the city clerk's office are like a primer under his guiding hand. He has earned a leave of absence.

Sentinel May 26/86

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Sept. 3 THE PRIMARIES. 1886

Full List of the Various Delegates Elected in this City and County Yesterday.

The primaries held yesterday, were as predicted, the hottest ever seen in the city. Spirited fights were also made in several of the townships. Following will be found a correct list of all the delegates elected in every ward and township, with the exception of Sciplo:

FIRST WARD.

Four delegates—Ed Clausmeier, 158; W. D. Meyer, 161; Chas. Reese, 152; H. Colwick, 157; Joseph Carry, 15; Henry Klinemiller, 11.

Committeeman—J. H. Brannan, 169.

SECOND WARD.

Five delegates—H. C. Berghoff, 297; F. Schmuckle, 272; A. Lordler, 2 2; G. Thieme, 285; M. Washl, 212; C. Becker, 65; Jno. Langard, 95; F. K. Fitzgerald, 12, J. Ehrman, 8.

Committeeman—J. B. Monning, 225; W. S. Oppenheim, 62.

THIRD WARD.

Four delegates—Henry A. Read, Jas. Lowery, Charles Weller, John Nelligan.

There being no opposition in this ward only about a dozen votes were cast, and the polls were closed about 6 o'clock.

FOURTH WARD.

Four delegates—Frederick Helling, 89; Louis Schrooder, 89; Henry F. Hilgeman, 89; William Markey, 89.

Committeeman—Charles F. Muhler, 82; William Hahn, 8.

FIFTH WARD.

Four delegates—Louis P. Huser, 189; Joseph Niehter, 181; Sylvester McMahon, 189, Henry Koopman, 187; Frederick Schmetrer, 143; Charles Wilkens, 151; Edward Mannock, 119; K. J. Bauer, 132

Committeeman—Henry Keller, 167; Joseph Singmaster, 162.

SIXTH WARD.

Four delegates—Louis Fox, 219; Patrick Burns, 219; Frederick Fegtmeyer, 214; Michael Houlihan, 222; Nicholas Metz, 158; John H. Welch, 154; George Bevertorden, 155; Thomas Sullivan, 156.

Committeeman—Timothy Hogan, 242; H. France, 85.

SEVENTH WARD.

In the Seventh ward the following ticket was elected by the vote attached.

Four delegates—Peter J. Schied, 335; Louis Witte, 252; John Druhot, 217; Robt. W. T. DeWald, 250.

Committeeman—W. J. Kerr, 262.

The opposition ticket was composed as follows: Valentine Hartman, C. Eggeman, John Kintz, but was defeated by about 100 votes.

EIGHTH WARD.

Four delegates—Thomas Doyle, 263; Frank Weber, 2 3; Herman Berghoff, 278; Charles Grieted, 261; John Smith, 165; C. C. Dassler, 115; Wm. M. Cutler, [illegible]

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FIRST WARD.

Four delegates—Ed Clausmeier, 158; W. D. Meyer, 161; Chas. Reese, 152; H. Colvick, 157; Joseph Carry, 15; Henry Klinemiller, 11.

Committeeman—J. H. Brannan, 169.

SECOND WARD.

Five delegates—H. C. Berghoff, 297; F. Schmuckle, 272; A. Lordler, 262; G. Thieme, 285; M. Wasih, 212; C. Becker, 65; Jno. Langard, 95; F. K. Fitzgerald, 42; J. Ehrman, 8.

Committeeman—J. B. Monning, 225; W. S. Oppenheim, 62.

THIRD WARD.

Four delegates—Henry A. Read, Jas. Lowery, Charles Weller, John Nelligan.

There being no opposition in this ward only about a dozen votes were cast, and the polls were closed about 6 o'clock.

FOURTH WARD.

Four delegates—Frederick Helling, 89; Louis Schroeder, 89; Henry F. Hilgeman, 89; William Mackey, 89.

Committeeman—Charles F. Muhler, 82; William Hahn, 8.

FIFTH WARD.

Four delegates—Louis P. Huser, 189; Joseph Niehler, 181; Sylvester McMahon, 189, Henry Koopman, 187; Frederick Schmetzer, 143; Charles Wilkens, 154; Edward Mannock, 149; K. J. Bauer, 132.

Committeeman—Henry Keller, 167; Joseph Singmaster, 162.

SIXTH WARD.

Four delegates—Louis Fox, 219; Patrick Burns, 219; Frederick Fegtmeyer, 214; Michael Houlihan, 222; Nicholas Merz, 158; John H. Welch, 154; George Heverforden, 155; Thomas Sullivan, 156.

Committeeman—Timothy Hogan, 242; H. France, 85.

SEVENTH WARD.

In the Seventh ward the following ticket was elected by the vote attached.

Four delegates—Peter J. Schiel, 395; Louis Witte, 252; John Drahot, 247; Robt. W. T. DeWald, 250.

Committeeman—W. J. Kerr, 262.

The opposition ticket was composed as follows: Valentine Hartman, C. Eggeman, John Kintz, but was defeated by about 100 votes.

EIGHTH WARD.

Four delegates—Thomas Doyle, 263; Frank Weber, 2 3; Herman Berghoff, 278; Charles Grieibel, 261; John Smith, 165; C. C. Dassler, 145; Wm. M. Cutler, 149; Charles W. Axt, 167.

Committeeman—John G. Noll.

NINTH WARD.

Four delegates—Henry Heidenreich, 161; William Ernsting, 163; Louis Upiegger, 165; Peter Henkemus, 165; John C. Figel, 97; Fred Starke, 74; William Pape, Jr. 101; William Homeyer, 102.

Committeeman—Fred Boltz, 155; Geo. Simonton, 33.

TOWNSHIPS.

In the various townships full returns were not obtainable from precincts where more than one ticket was in the field However, following are the names of all delegates elected:

ABOITE.

Three delegates—Chas. Ambler, D. Groves, A. Calbert.

ADAMS.

Six delegates—Fred Hitzman, Gust Schaper, Fred Sedron, Henry Treir, Fred Heincy, Ed. Schroeder.

CEDAR CREEK.

Five delegates—A. Vanzile, A. H. McCormick, George Moss, James McNabb, George W. Treace.

EEL RIVER.

Five delegates—John Madden, Joseph Richards, Luther Greenwell, Frank Pequinot, William Liebel.

JEFFERSON.

Seven delegates—J. D. McHenry, Geo. J. Miller, Aug. Roussey, Wm. Rorick, Geo W. Townsend, Jas. W. Hudson, Ed. Dodane.

In this township there was a spirited contest between the Gladieux and Crawford delegates. The latter received 17, while the opposition received 121 votes.

JACKSON.

Three delegates—Justin Bennett, Gus Girardot, Joseph Lothammer.

LAKE.

Six delegates—Wm. Tracy, Jos. Masoo, Louis Gocke, W. W. Madden, Wm. Geisking, Wm. Lamle.

LAFAYETTE.

Six delegates—S. Reed, Chas. Summers, Quincey Redden, Wm. Simonton, Jos. Dennis, Columbus Young.

MADISON.

Seven delegates—A. J. Schafer, A. Grotrian, Henry Fry, Frank Mauch, J. J. Peters, Henry Wichman, Dedrich Reiter.

MARION.

Six delegates—Tim Kenark, George Schuckman, H. Muldoon, Phil Berg, Fred Zollinger, Henry Schamelo.

MAUMEE.

Three delegates—Adson North, Chas. North, A. J. Little.

MILAN.

Six delegates—Geo. W. Darling, Jos Gillian, Geo. Brockman, A. Loranson, Eli Ringwalt, Joo. Myers.

MONROE.

Nine delegates—Ed Finan, Bart Miller, Chas. Redenour, Philip Steinmer, Jos. Crabul, Adam Clem, Jas. Sorgun, Jacob Whitwright, Oliver Hart.

NEW HAVEN.

Seven delegates—James Bird, Peter Stutz, H. H. Schnetker, James Andrews, Stephen Becker, John Zurbuch, J. J. Lee.

PERRY.

Six delegates—John Smith, Harlan Saylor, E. G. Tucker, Geo. Barrett, Marsh Dupont, Felix Roy.

PLEASANT.

Eight delegates—Thos. Swaak, Jas. Woods, G. W. Springer, Jeff Hyndman, Wm. Kennark, Geo Rounder, Preston Chapman, John Miller, jr.

ST. JOE.

Seven delegates—Henry Young, Chris Rose, Robt. Brackenridge, August Yergens, John Brown, John Henry, J. F. Gibert.

SPRINGFIELD.

Five delegates—Jno. Stopher, Jno. Killian, Joe Betz, Jas. Henderson, Sam Grill.

WASHINGTON.

Four delegates—Jno. Racine, Frank Fell, Jno. Reuss, H. Kamater.

WAYNE.

Three delegates—Henry Stellhorn, Hugh Rockhill, Wm. Smith.

Journal on election of Democratic for Township election April 5th 1886

At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the polls in the different wards were thrown open, and from that time until 7 o'clock the voters crowded up to the boxes and signified their preferences for delegates to the Wayne township convention to be held this afternoon in the Circuit court. In several of the wards there were two or three tickets, and the rivalry between the candidates kept things lively. In others, however, but little interest was manifested. The following was the result:

WAYNE TOWNSHIP, OUTSIDE OF CITY.

Val. Kentz, Jacob Goebel, August LeGraw, Peter Hensel. This precinct is conceded to Clerke for trustee.

FIRST WARD.

John Halne, Andy Huber, Murray Hartnett and Henry Axt.

SECOND WARD.

J. Wilkinson, F. Schmueckle, August Lordier and John McGowan.

THIRD WARD

G. W. Grafte, Henry A Reed, James C. Peltier and Thomas A. Wilkinson.

FOURTH WARD

William Hahn, H. Hazemeier, Fred Lauer, with A. Reidmiller and Otto Nichter a tie.

FIFTH WARD.

P. Hohnhaus, J. B. Fry, George Geller and Phillip Koopman.

SIXTH WARD.

Fred Schwartz, Thomas Ahern, Nicholas Dewald, and John Welch

SEVENTH WARD

S. Welgent, Val. Ofenloch, M. Cramer and Chris. Cassen.

EIGHTH WARD.

Henry Guenther, J. H. Rehling, C. Koenig and E. Bucker.

NINTH WARD.

Louis Hazard, Fred Figel, William Hencil and G. Miller.

A careful review of the above list of names will show that the fight for trustee is not settled by any means and a hot time may be expected this afternoon. For justice of the peace there will be a grand free for all with ten or eleven dark horses looming up in the distance. The convention will be called to order promptly at 2 o'clock in the circuit court room.

Nov 4, 1886

DEMOCRATIC

TICKET.

For Lieutenant Governor,
JOHN C. NELSON.
For Secretary of State,
ROBERT W. MIERS.
For Auditor of State,
CHARLES A. MUNSON.
For Treasurer of State,
THOMAS B. BYRNES.
For Attorney General,
HUGH D. McMULLEN.
For Superintendent of Public Instruction,
ANDREW M. SWEENEY.
For Judge of Supreme Court, 3d Dist.,
JOHN R. COFFROTH.
For Clerk of the Supreme Court,
MARTIN T. KRUEGER.
For Representative in Congress, 12th Cong. Dist.,
ROBERT LOWRY.
For Prosecuting Attorney, 38th Judicial Circuit.
JAMES M. ROBINSON.
For Senator,
JAMES M. BARRETT.
For Joint Senator, Allen and Whitley Counties,
ISAIAH B. McDONALD.
For Representatives,
WILLIAM H. SHAMBAUGH.
AUSTIN M. DARROCH.
For Joint Representative, Allen and Huntington Counties,
BENJAMIN F. IBACH.
For Judge of Superior Court,
SAMUEL M. HENCH.
FOR CLERK OF THE ALLEN CIRCUIT COURT,
GEORGE W. LOAG.
FOR SHERIFF OF ALLEN COUNTY,
DeGROFF NELSON
FOR AUDITOR OF ALLEN COUNTY,
JOHN B. NIEZER.
FOR TREASURER OF ALLEN COUNTY,
ISAAC MOWBER.
FOR RECORDER OF ALLEN COUNTY,
MILTON M. THOMPSON.
FOR CORONER OF ALLEN COUNTY
H. F. CHARLES STELLHORN.
FOR SURVEYOR OF ALLEN COUNTY.
OCHMIG B. WILEY.
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, 1st DIST.,
HENRY HARTMAN.

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OVER!

The Big Allen County

Capt. Hugh M. Deihl was appointed sergeant-at-arms.

Elias Bolyard and C. M. Dawson were appointed assistant secretaries, together with the democratic editors.

Louis Schroeder moved that the candidates only pledge themselves without nation. They pledged themselves to support the nominees, save Mr. Grietel, who withdrew from the race. The first ballot resulted:

Glutting —51.

Neizer—75.

Jenkinson—14.

OVER!

The Big Allen County Convention.

Dr. Loag for Clerk, Neizer for Auditor, Barrett for Senator, Hench for Judge, Thompson for Recorder.

Nelson for Sheriff, Mowrer for Treasurer, Wiley for Surveyor, Dinnen for Coroner, Hartman for Commissioner.

There was a spirited contest for delegates in almost every ward and precinct in the city and county yesterday afternoon, and the result was creditable, inasmuch as a very intelligent, honorable body of men were chosen to voice the sentiments of the democracy of this Jeffersonian Gibralter, held at the Princess rink to-day.

The delegates swarmed Main street last night and were given undivided attention by the official aspirants and their friends. This morning the scenes were resumed, and as the weather was bright and clear, it put spirit into the race for official preferment. The tricks of politics were worked and "trades," "swaps" and "promises" were made with a vengeance. Everything is considered legitimate in politics and about everything went. The best of feeling seemed to prevail and the spirit was that whomsoever the convention honored would be successful at the polls in November.

It was past 10 o'clock when the delegat es and lobby began to assemble, and pleasant smiles played on the faces of the delegates, who very evidently had been entertained as though "kings for a day." The Princess rink was gaily decorated and as cool as a summer resort. There were 1,500 chairs on the floor facing a temporary platform in the south end of the rink. The speakers desk was a dry goods box and to the right of it were tables for the secretary and members of the press. The delegates sat immediately in front of the speaker's desk, occupying five rows of chairs extending across the hall. The preliminary work was a hearty handshaking, and as the delegates approached, Mr. Frank Falker seated them pleasantly. The county representatives looked with awe on the mottoes "All Skate" and "Ladies Choice." They had not tried the treacherous roller skate and the legends will be wrapt in mystery until this explanation is read.

Mr. Louis Fox read the call of precincts and found every one fully represented. It was almost 11 o'clock before quiet reigned and the convention announced itself ready for business, at the call of Mr. Wilkinson, chairman of the county central committee. Mr. Wilkinson announced the purpose of the assembly and suggested the selection of a permanent chairman.

There were 153 delegates in the convention, making 77 votes necessary to a choice. Mr. Wilkinson repeatedly called for order and Captain Diehl and a posse of police assisted in soothing the enthusiastic people who insisted on hugging delegates.

Bill Smith, of Wayne township, nominated Hon. R. C. Bell for permanent chairman and he was unanimously elected. He thanked the convention and said he would endeavor to merit the confidence, but would insist on parliamentary procedure, which he hoped the delegates would assist him in maintaining.

Mr. Louis Fox was chosen secretary, after W. W. Rockhill and A. J. Moynihan declined, because of other duties occupying their attention. The following was announced as the county central committe and a meeting was called for next Wednesday to organize for the campaign:

Abot, Thomas Craig.
Adams, Henry Linker.
Cedar Creek, V. H. Mueller.
Eel River, John M. Taylor.
Jefferson, J. D. McHenry.
Jackson, Jasper Jones.
Lake, Wm. Beckes.
Lafayette, J. F. Keyser.
Madison, John McIntosh.
Marion, Marion Smith.
Maumee, Frank Shurm.
Milan, Barney Hetker.
Monroe, C. A. Leirer.
New Haven, L. S. Null.
Perry, E. H. Parker.
Pleasant, W. S. Robison.
Springfield, Sam Boger.
Scipio, Joseph Burrier.
St. Joe, H. F. Bullerman.
Washington, Fred Gerseking.
Wayne, John Wilkinson.
First ward, John H. Brannan.
Second ward, J. B. Mouning.
Third ward, W. W. Rockhill.
Fourth ward, C. F. Muhler.
Fifth ward, Henry Keller.
Sixth ward, Tim Hogan.
Seventh ward, W. J. Kerr.
Eighth ward, J. G. Noll.
Ninth ward, F. C. Boltz.

Capt. Hugh M. Diehl was appointed sergeant-at-arms.

Elias Bolyard and C. M. Dawson were appointed assistant secretaries, together with the democratic editors.

Louis Schroeder moved that the candidates only pledge themselves without speeches. It carried.

Nominations were declared in order and F. J. Hayden, J. M. Barrett and Herman Scheuman were placed in nomination. Mr. Hayden spoke and thanked his friends for their support, concluding by withdrawing from the race for senator. This communication was then read:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Convention:

On the 24th day of last March the labor organizations of Fort Wayne, in mass convention, nominated among others Mr. Hermann Scheuman for the position of state senator from Allen county, and appointed the undersigned committee for the purpose of presenting his name before the conventions of the great political parties of this county for indorsement.

In obedience to instructions, your committee herewith present his name for the purpose of giving this body an opportunity to indorse the candidacy of a gentleman selected by the workingmen of Allen county to represent them in the next legislature of this state.

There can be no interests of higher importance than those of the great masses of the common people, and we trust that the same reasons which impelled the recent state and district conventions of this party to ratify and adopt the main principles of the Knights of Labor in almost the exact language employed in their platform will also lead this convention to indorse the candidate selected by the organizations whose principles you have, by your party representatives, unanimously adopted and indorsed.

Respectfully,
W. E. McDermut,
Robert Wilson, } Com.
M. Cohen,

September 4, 1886.

Mr. J. M. Barrett was then nominated by acclamation, on the motion of Dr. J. P. McHenry. Mr. Barrett responded and thanked the convention for their unanimous endorsement. He realized the importance of his trust and hoped he would merit all confidence. He appreciated the importance of the labor communication and pledged himself to support its principles as well as the great democratic party. He was loudly cheered.

W. H. Jones, Anstin M. Darroch, Jacob Emerick, Fred J. Hayden, Jacob Shutt, W. H. Shambaugh were announced for representatives and all pledged themselves squarely and briefly to support the party and its nominees.

The first ballot resulted as follows and was taken by wards and townships:

Jones, 4.
Darroch, 28.
Emerick, 22.
Hayden, 21½.
Shambaugh, 72½
Shutt, 5.

Mr. W. H. Jones withdrew his name and the second ballot resulted:

Shambaugh, 108.
Darroch, 20.
Hayden, 13.
Shutt, 4.
Emerick, 8.

Mr. Stambaugh was declared the nominee amid cheering, to which he responded in a neat speech, thanking the convention and promising to work for the best interests of the people and party.

The third ballot resulted:

Darroch, 95.
Hayden, 39.
Emerick, 19.

Mr. Darroch was declared nominated and thanked the convention in a nice way

Jacob Emerick moved the nominations be made unanimous and it was carried.

Nominations for judge of the superior court were made and the names of S. M. Hench, P. A. Randall, S. E. Sinclair and C. M. Dawson were nominated. Mr. Dawson declined to be a candidate at this time and said he could not accept the honor if tendered him.

The candidates pledged themselves, save S. E. Sinclair, who did not respond. The first ballot resulted:

Hench, 93.
Randall, 51.
Sinclair, 9.

Mr. Hench was declared the nominee, and thanked the convention for its renewed testimonial of confidence.

The nomination for prosecutor was declared in order. Mr. J. M. Robinson was not opposed and his nomination was declared to be the unanimous choice of the convention. He responded in a speech full of kindness to the convention for the honor bestowed on him.

Nominations for clerk of the circuit court were made. W. D. Maier, Geo. W. Loag and D. W. Souder were nominated. Mr. Maier said: "My friends, I am not a candidate before this convention. I withdraw."

Mr. Loag and Mr. Souder pledged themselves to support the nominees.

The first ballot resulted:

Loag—90.
Souder—63.

Dr Loag was declared nominated and responded to the cheers in a spirited speech.

Candidates for auditor were declared in order and J. J. Jenkinson, A. F. Glutting, Morgan Harrod, J. B. Neizer and Louis Griebel were placed in nomination. They pledged themselves to support the nominees, save Mr. Griebel, who withdrew from the race. The first ballot resulted:

Glutting —51.
Neizer —73.
Jenkinson—14.
Harrod—12.

There was no nomination and great confusion and delay resulted before the second ballot was announced. It stood:

Glutting—64.
Neizer—85.
Harrod—4.

Mr. Neizer was cheered to the echo and was declared the nominee. He thanked the convention for the honor bestowed on him.

Nominations were announced for recorder. Patrick Ryan, William Gaffney, T. M. Heller, C. A. Reckers, J. R. Bittenger, Milton N. Thompson, A. J. Rauch and William Reichelderfer, were placed in nomination and all pledged themselves. The first ballot resulted:

Ryan, 21.
Heller, 28.
Rekers, 5.
Bittenger, 23.
Thompson, 28.
Gaffney, 10.
Reichelderfer, 25.
Rauch, 13.

There was no choice this vote and a second ballot resulted:

Ryan, 20.
Heller, 26.
Thompson, 33.
Gaffney, 12.
Richelderfer, 30.
Bittenger, 25.
Rauch, 7.

While the second ballot was taken the delegates were supplied with sandwiches and some one rang a "chestnut" bell on a rural statesman.

The third ballot resulted:

Ryan, 16.
Heller, 27.
Thompson, 43.
Reichelderfer, 32.
Bittinger, 21.
Gaffney 12.

The fourth ballot resulted:

Thompson, 55.
Reichelderfer, 21.
Heller, 20.
Bittinger, 21.
Gaffney, 18.
Ryan, 18.

At the conclusion of this ballot Mr. Heller withdrew, and the fifth ballot resulted:

Thompson, 70.
Reichelderfer, 27.
Bittinger, 27.
Gaffney, 13.
Ryan, 15.
Rauch, 1.

The sixth ballot resulted:

Thompson, 84.
Reichelderfer, 18.
Bittinger, 18.
Gaffney, 20.
Ryan, 13.

Mr. Thompson was declared the nominee, and the one-legged soldier climbed on the stage and thanked the convention. His nomination was made unanimous and Mr. Bell paid him a high tribute, reciting his services in the battle field.

Nominations were declared in order for treasurer. Gustave Gothe, Isaac Mowrer, Wm. Scott, Ed. Beckman, C. Gladieux and Ad Crawford were placed in nomination. They pledged themselves squarely, save Mr. Gladieux, who said, "I am not a candidate. I withdraw from this convention." Mr. Crawford likewise withdrew from the race. The first ballot resulted:

Gothe, 18.
Mowrer, 62.
Scott, 49.
Beckman, 24.

There was no choice, and a second ballot was taken, but not until Mr. Beckman withdrew The vote resulted:

Mowrer, 105.
Scott, 40.
Gothe, 8.

Mr. Mowrer was declared the nominee and thanked the convention amid great enthusiasm.

There being no opposition to Degroff Nelson, he was nominated for sheriff by acclamation, after pledging himself, while the convention cheered him lustily.

Coroner nominations were declared in order. Dr. J. M. Dinnen and Dr. H. S. Myers were named. The first ballot resulted:

Dinnen, 95.
Myers, 58.

Dr. Dinnen thanked the convention after being declared the nominee.

There being no opposition to Mr. G. B. Wiley he was nominated by acclamation with great cheers. He thanked the convention heartily.

There being no opposition to Mr. Henry Hartman he was nominated by acclamation for county commissioner for the first district. He pledged himself to support the full ticket.

At the close Mr. Henry Colerick made a just and able plea for equal representation, reciting that while the city polls 7,500 votes she has only thirty-seven delegates in the county convention. The county outside of the city casts 4,000 democratic votes and has 116 delegates. Mr. Colerick's motion to refer the matter to a representative from each ward and precinct in the city and county, was bluntly voted down by a vote of 101 to 44. The convention adjourned.

THE RESULT.

Nov 2d 1886

Official Vote, Showing Republican Pluralities on State Officers.

[Indianapolis Journal, 19th.]

The work of footing the returns on the vote for state officers was completed yesterday by Myron P. King, the deputy secretary of state, and the totals entered on the official records are as follows:

	Total Vote.	Pluralities.
For Lieutenant governor—		
R. S. Robertson, Rep	231,922—	3,319
John G. Nelson, Dem	228,603	
J. M. Gale, Prohib	9,185	
R. S. Pope, Nat	4,846	
For Secretary of State—		
Charles F. Griffin, Rep	232,084—	3,683
R. W. Miers, Dem	228,401	
J. S. Hughes, Prohib	9,204	
J. B. Milroy, Nat	4,641	
For Auditor of State—		
Bruce Carr, Rep	231,701—	3,077
Charles A. Munson, Dem	228,624	
Sylvester Johnson, Prohib	9,275	
Prosely Gregg, Nat	4,592	
For Treasurer of State—		
J. A. Lemcke, Rep	231,478—	3,058
Thomas B. Byrnes, Dem	228,425	
A. G. Tubbs, Prohib	9,261	
Benjamin Perkins, Nat	4,783	
For Attorney-general—		
L. T. Michener, Rep	231,837—	3,570
H. P. McMullen, Dem	228,267	
Wm. M. Land, Prohib	9,134	
J. S. Bender, Nat	4,605	
For Superintendent of Public Instruction—		
H. M. LaFollette, Rep	234,269—	9,047
A. M. Sweeney, Dem	227,982	
Cyrus Hodgin, Prohib	9,009	
George Bass, Nat	4,669	
For Judge of the Supreme Court—		
Byron K. Elliott, Rep	232,834—	4,832
John R. Coffroth, Dem	227,982	
R. S. Dwiggins, Prohib	8,766	
J. L. Miller, Nat	4,514	
For Clerk of the Supreme Court—		
W. T. Noble, Rep	232,487—	5,534
M. T. Krueger, Dem	226,953	
L. D. Ratliff, Prohib	9,161	
S. D. Douglass, Nat	4,663	

The footings show that of the Republican candidates La Follette received the largest vote and plurality, and that Noble's plurality was the next largest, although Judge Elliott received nearly 400 more votes. The plurality of Lemcke is the lowest, and Carr's plurality is only twenty-four higher, although he received over 200 more votes than the former. However, Carr's opponent, Munson, received a larger vote than any other candidate on the Democratic ticket. Sweeney's vote was smaller than that of any other Democratic candidate, being over 3,000 below Nelson, the candidate for lieutenant-governor, who stands only twenty-one below Munson. Sylvester Johnson, as candidate for auditor of state, with 9,275 votes, leads the Prohibition ticket, and Benjamin Perkins, for treasurer of state, received a larger vote than any of the other National candidates. The aggregate vote is 474,356, while in 1882 the total polled on governor was 401,226.

Mr. W. W. Rockhill, the efficient city clerk, has inaugurated a most desirable improvement in compiling the council proceedings, by reporting all motions and amendments made by the different councilmen, the rulings of His Honor, the mayor, the legal opinions delivered to the council by the city attorney, which is highly appreciated by all the councilmen, and, of course, will be by every reader of the council proceedings, which are published in the daily Sentinel in sections daily until the whole proceedings of each council have been published. Rocksy, as he is commonly called by the councilmen, makes a daisy city clerk.

The following table gives the official vote and majorities received by the respective candidates. in allen Co.

Nov 2. 1886.

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Lieut. Governor	Nelson	7339	2006
	Roberton	5333	
Secretary State	Miers	7127	2170
	Griffin	5237	
Auditor	Munson	7880	3105
	Carr	4775	
Treasurer	Byrnes	7411	2139
	Lemcke	5272	
Attorney Gen.	Mullen	7397	2134
	M chener	5263	
Supt. Public In.	Sweeny	6920	1262
	La Follette	5658	
Judge Sup. Ct.	Coffroth	7338	1993
	E lliott	5345	
Clerk Sup. Court	Krueger	7560	2043
	Noble	5307	
Congressman	Lowry	6428	302
	White	6126	
Prosecuting At'y	Robinson	7674	2655
	Noode	5019	
Senator	Barrett	7191	1737
	Schuman	5454	
Joint Senator	McDonald	7056	1453
	Blair	5603	
Repesentative	Shambaugh	7217	1724
	Hartzell	5493	
Representative	D rrock	7084	1544
	Cohen	5590	
Joint Repr.	Ibacy	6945	1244
	B ookwalter	5701	
Judge Supr. Ct.	Chatin	6276	56
	Hench	6220	
Clerk	Long	6797	1011
	Maier	5786	
Sheriff	Nelson	7365	2148
	H Hopeter	5217	
Auditor	Nieger	6968	1621
	Higgings	5335	
Treasurer	Mowrer	6841	1091
	Baltes	5750	
Recorder	Thompson	7131	1707
	Slater	5424	
Coroner	Stellhorn	7045	1157
	Stemen	5578	
Surveyor	W ley	7249	1807
	Fisher	5433	
Commissioner	Hartman	6976	1330
	Wilbur	5646	

Total vote, 12,867.

THE JOURNAL wishes to say that the Democratic defeat is in no way chargeable to the management of the Democratic committee in this county. Charles McCullock, chairman of the committee and W. W. Rockhill, its secretary, did everything in their power, as well as every other member of the committee, to bring about a different result. The facts are that we have reason to congratulate the committee for doing as well as they did under the circumstances. They had but a small amount of means in comparison with the Republican committee to work with, besides many of the Democrats were indifferent or working against Democratic success. The blame should not be attached to the committee, but rather to the large number of kickers in the party. There never was such a campaign conducted in this county before, and it is to be hoped there never will be again. The Republican ticket was an attempted fraud on the voters of the county, and they sought to elect it by the basest lying ever heard of before, and the only wonder is that they did not induce more voters to believe their falsehoods. The entire Democratic county ticket is elected, except Judge Hench, and certainly we have reasons to feel glad that the result is no worse. No committee could have done better. Let Democrats cease to find fault with the committee, they are not to blame.

THE GROWLER.

W. W. Rockhill, our efficient city clerk, only wants one term more from the Lowryites. He says that he don't like to hear "Growler" come down so hard on him in retiring him on the farm. Wright, you have made a good officer but you must bear in mind that you are not the only one in the city who can fill the office of city clerk. You are filling out your third term and I believe that you have had your share from the party. However, if they ask you to consent to run again, I will gladly support you, at the same time do not be deceived by what you may hear on the street corner the same as Lowry was, that you will have a walk away. Such will not be the case, the opposition will be strong, with a well organized army.

I am glad W. W. Rockhill, that the Democrats are looking for your own welfare and health, you have been sick for the last two years, and one year on your farm will restore you to health again, raising corn and sorghum molasses will elevate you into the county clerk's office, providing you are a success as a farmer.

I think you Wright Rockhill will be nominated.

Wright Rockhill says that he is now assured that the Democratic party will endorse him at the coming city convention for the office which he now holds. Rocksey is a daisy.

Dispatch Mch 4th '87

I understand that Rudy Rhinewald is a candidate for city clerk. Rudy made a splendid run before, and only lost the nomination by a few votes, through the treachery of some false friends.—Rockhill has had three terms and now wants a fourth. Probably he wants the office during life, but the Democracy last fall showed that they have set their faces like flint against four terms or three terms or even two terms. There is no use building up an office-holding aristocracy. If office be a good thing, let it go around. When Rockhill went into office he was as poor as a church mouse, having just busted up in the tobacco business. Now he is rich, and can afford to splurge around after fine blooded Kentucky race horses. I have taken a sketch of Rocky behind one of these 2500 high flyers, and may present it to the public at an early day.—I hear that Mulder, Manson, Myers, Rockhill, Diehl, *et al*, have made a combination to fight all outsiders, and retain the offices in the clique. One proposes to aid all and all to aid any one of the combination.

—But to return to the politicians, I would respectfully ask Rockhill, fourth term candidate for city clerk, to rise and reply to this conundrum. Did you or did you not two years ago solemnly promise Rudy Rhinewald that if he would not then run as an independent candidate, you would not ask a fourth term, but would support him.—

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HOW IS THIS? April 8/87

Republicans are Shaping the Policy of the Democratic Party, but Practice Not What They Preach.

To the Editor of the Journal:

Will you give a Democrat who is not ashamed of his party and its principles space in your paper to make a few observations.

On the eve of elections in this city and county the Republican newspapers teem with tender solicitude for the Democratic voters. In the News of last evening, Mr. W. D Page its editor, bubbles over with kindly criticisms and warnings, concluding an editorial on the question of a Democratic primary or delegate election as follows:

It is the judgment of the better class of politicians that any candidate for mayor nominated by a delegate convention, will be defeated at the polls. Democratic voters in the city will not submit to bear another yoke than that put upon them by the county central committee, which has been galling them for nearly half a century.

Mr. Page is a Christian gentleman and a good Republican. One might anticipate that the concern he appears to entertain for the Democratic party proceeds from his intimacy with, or knowledge of some high plan of equality or representation in vogue in his own party organization.

Let us inquire into this matter.

Who ever heard of the Republicans nominating their municipal candidates by popular vote at the different precincts?

Who ever heard of them nominating their candidates for county offices in that way? Or who can recall a Republican county convention when all the townships were represented? Yet it is a matter of record that Mr. Page has, without a single exception, supported and espoused the candidates thus nominated and thrust on the people by the unrepresentative conventions of his party, submitting complacently to the "yoke" which he says is so galling to Democrats.

I challenge Mr. Page to cite a single protest of his against Republican conventions, and yet he gravely threatens dire results to the Democratic candidates if nominated by a representative Democratic convention. Isn't this a nice picture of consistency? The Republicans hold conventions, the Knights of Labor hold conventions, but Democrats are denied that privilege by the Republican press. Who is shaping the Democratic policy?

There is not a Democrat in Ft. Wayne I hope foolish enough to delude himself with the belief that the Daily News would map out a plan of organization to lead Democrats to perpetual victory; nor is there anyone outside of the insane hospital who thinks for a moment that Mr. Page or his Daily News would support the Democratic candidates nominated at a primary election, in the face of the fact that they combined their efforts to defeat the Democratic ticket after the people nominate it by popular vote two years ago.

It is not the business of the Daily News to lead Democrats to victory, and well Mr. Page knows it, but he adroitly uses the primary hobby as an excuse for attacking the convention plan that has brought success to the Democratic cause for a half a century and given us a public service as good as any city on earth can boast of. I know the members of the Democratic City Central committee and believe they will seek Democratic advice and counsel.

I, for one, am free to say that if Democrats permit Republicans and demagogues to shape their plan of organization and methods, defeat is far more to be feared than it is from a square, manly Democratic fight. Truly yours

A. J. MOYNIHAN.

LOT WRIGHT KNOCKED OUT.

He Is Cleverly Defeated in a Race For County Clerk.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE ENQUIRER.

LEBANON, OHIO, February 25.—Lot Wright, Ex-United States Marshal for the Southern District of Ohio, has been again knocked out. He has been trying to secure the vacancy caused by the death of Harry Wilson, Clerk of Warren County. Mr. Wilson died on Wednesday last. Mr. Wright circulated a paper and obtained any quantity of signatures, which was to have been presented to the County Commissioners as soon as they came to town. The friends of W. H. Rockhill, who also had an eye on the place, were just as enterprising. As soon as Mr. Wilson died they started out after the Commissioners, and succeeded in securing their pledge to vote for Rockhill before they knew Wright was an applicant for the place. Rockhill was elected to fill the vacancy, and his election evens up matters a little, for he is the man whom Wright defeated in convention for the Clerk nomination several years ago. All is not harmony among the Republicans of Warren.

Lilly Collection in Chicago
expire 5/7/57

TAKE YOUR CHOICE!

Mr. Nelson

We asked if he would permit the socialists to carry the Red Flag in Chicago? To which he replied:

"Happened to be passing a Catholic church the other day when a procession of little children came out from some festival, carrying their banner and symbols, and singing songs. I saw no Stars and Stripes in that procession yet it was harmless, and I see no reason why socialistic and social unions, of men who have banners and flags of different pattern from that of the Nation, should not have equal privileges with those little children."

CONCLUSION.

The Anarchists have the same right to carry the red flag that the Sunday Schools have to carry their banners.

Mr. Roche

SAYS:

"The trouble with Mr. Nelson position is that the flag he describes are simply emblems of a religious faith all in harmony with law and order, while the red flag is a symbol of a society the main object of which is the overthrow of our law and our Government."

CONCLUSION.

If I am elected Mayor there will be no red flags carried in the streets of Chicago.

National Printing Co. Chicago

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The committee at once organized by electing Fred C. Boltz, chairman; Max Nirdlinger, secretary, and Christ Boseker, treasurer. The committee will meet three or four times a year to talk over the party welfare and urge that a more general interest be taken in municipal politics.

Enquirer May 2, 1887

W. W. ROCKHILL

Has again been nominated for city clerk and the fact of his nomination is the strongest proof of his worth and popularity, because single handed and alone, on his official and individual merits, without outside influence or special interests to back him, he plucked the honor for the fourth time. This time, as at the former primary election, he was the only aspirant who was closely pushed in the race, but while this is true at a primary vote, he is the strongest man on the ticket at a general election, in proof of which it is only necessary to say that he led the democratic ticket two years ago by 1,671 votes. His administration of the important office of city clerk is clean, correct, as open as the brightest daylight and no man ever filled the place better. He is a splendid accountant, a pleasant reader to the council and he has mastered and systemized the business of the city, so that all renumerative departments and public improvements can be covered by him at a glance and the records are as open and plain to all people as evening sunset. This is why he is so warmly supported; this is why his loss would be a calamity and this is why every voter should feel a just pride in honoring a young man we have all known since childhood.

May 3, 1887

REPUBLICAN TICKET.

THIRD WARD.

For Mayor,
JAMES H. SIMONSON.

For Clerk,
MARTIN C. GROSS.

For Treasurer,
ALLAN H. DOUGALL.

For Marshal,
CYRUS FIKE.

For Assessor,
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Union Labor Ticket.

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For Clerk,
WILSON E. McDERMUT.

For Treasurer,
CHARLES J. SOSENHEIMER.

For Marshal,
CONRAD C. DASELER.

For Trustee of the Water Works,
JOHN. T. LEACH.

For Assessor,
SAMUEL HEADFORD.

Second Ward.

For Councilman,

Sentinel May 4, 1887

PROUD OF IT.

The Democratic City Ticket Elected Over the Labor and Republican Votes—Incidents of the Day and the Figures.

The election passed off quietly and with the best of feeling. The democratic city ticket was stanchly supported all over the city and it is to be regretted that the democratic councilmen did not receive a similar indorsement. Personal friendship and selfish motives led to democratic defeat in two or three wards, but whosoever sows the seed of discord will reap it.

In many instances manly republicans indorsed and voted the democratic ticket and this in a measure atoned for our own losses.

The labor party polled a stout vote, but did not succeed in electing a single candidate. The republicans were more fortunate, but they have nothing to crow over.

The battle is over, however, and a splendid victory is won. It is one to rejoice over, because the party is in shape to calculate and measure the strength of its political adversaries. It shows that democrats are getting into line to prepare for coming triumphs.

THE SENTINEL congratulates the democracy and submits an analysis of the vote for pleasant calculation and fruitful contemplation:

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Simonson's total vote	1602	
Batchelder's total vote	1470	
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Daseler's total vote	2107	
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Davis' total vote	1417	
Headford's total vote	1565	
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Kintz's total vote	1399	
Leach's total vote	1652	
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Mr. W. W. Rockhill breaks the record in the city clerks's office. He is the first gentleman ever elected to that position for four successive terms.

The city council last evening granted Mr. W. W. Rockhill a leave of absence. Mr. Rockhill has been in ill health for some time and June 22, in company with Mr. W. S. Oppenheim, he will sail on the steamer City of Rome for Europe to undergo treatment and enjoy the benefits of a sea voyage at the implicit command of his physician. Wright has earned a vacation and the best wishes of a legion of friends will go with him across the sea.

A Manly Card From City Treasurer Berghoff.

To the Editor of the SENTINEL.

The following card appeared in this morning's *Journal*:

"The written motion introduced by Councilman Webber, last night, in relation to the water works, which was tabled by motion of Councilman Wessell, does not appear in the published council proceedings in THE DAILY SENTINEL, but it is safe to say that said motion will appear in the council proceedings, or there will be some more mandates or charges preferred against the city clerk within forty-eight hours.

CORRECTION."

Both the city clerk and his brother, who is acting as his deputy, were absent from the last meeting of the council on account of sickness, and I acted as clerk and assisted in arranging the proceedings of the council for the press.

After the report of the finance committee was read, Mr. Webber introduced a motion to refer the entire matter to a committee of five members who had not been members of the water works committee during the past two years, with instructions to report at the next regular or special meeting of the council. There was no second to this motion and it was laid aside for further action. After the adoption of the motion fixing a time for the trial of the water works trustees, Mr. Webber stated that there was no necessity of taking up his motion, hence it was not reported in the proceedings of the council, as it was never properly before that body.

If there has been any negligence of duty it is a matter easily remedied by a motion at the next council meeting to amend the minutes and take Mr. Webber's motion a part of the minutes of the last meeting.

As far as the preferring of charges against the clerk is concerned, I think Mr. Rockhill, who is very sick, ought not be held responsible for my actions, but as mandates and charges and injunctions are all the go now, I am perfectly willing to take my proportionate share with the rest of the officers.

HENRY C. BERGHOFF,
City Treasurer.

Sentinel May 26th 1887

Sentinel March 21/88

THE DELEGATES.

A Splendid List of the Representative Democrats Chosen—A Few Contests.

Yesterday afternoon in all the wards of the city delegates to the state, joint representative and township conventions were elected. The list will show that some of the very best men in the party were chosen and this is an assurance that their work will be wise and intelligent.

In most wards but one ticket was in the field and it went through easily. In the Eighth ward Representative Will Shumbaugh and Mr. Bob Hench were defeated for state delegates, together with the rest of the ticket. In their Second ward there were two tickets in the field, but the men on the defeated ticket did not know they were running.

Below is a full list of the delegates chosen:

FIRST WARD.

State Delegates—Byron Hatteroley, Henry Colerick.

Joint Delegates—D. Ryan, C. Reese.

Township Delegates—E. O'Rourke, W. D. Myer, C. Kelly, A. B. Trontman, John H. Hartman, John H. Koch.

SECOND WARD.

State Delegates—Thomas Mannix, John Schroeder.

Joint Delegates—Fred. Schmueckle, Fred Becker.

Township Delegates—John B. Monning, Wm. T. Mannix, John Daily, Dennis Monahan, John McGowan, Henry E. Fisher, Maurice Cody.

THIRD WARD.

State Delegates—Frank Falker, Harry M. Melagar.

Joint Delegates—William Meyer, jr., Peter Eggemann.

Township Delegates—P. J. Fallon, Geo K. Torrence, Al. Reigel, Frank Boogher, Louis Hellbroner, Joe Fox.

FOURTH WARD.

State Delegates—Phil Lindlag, Henry Horstmeyer.

Joint Delegates—Will P. Breen, J. J. Jenkinson.

Township Delegates—Jos. Mommer, sr., Ed. Lannan, Fred Roth, Henry F. Hilgemann, William Markey, Henry Horstmeyer.

FIFTH WARD.

State Delegates—William Fleming, M. V. B. Spencer, E. A. K. Hackett.

Joint Delegates—Louis P. Huser, A. J. Moynihan, Fred Rippe.

Township Delegates—William Thiel, Tom Barter, George R. Schwartz, John Ehlrme, Christ Lehrman, Frank Brucker, Frank Smyser, Wm. Weichman.

SIXTH WARD.

State Delegates—Louis Fox, E. T. Springer.

Joint Representatives—Fred Schwartz, Theo. Merz.

Township Delegates—Tim Hogan, Roman Zoller, George Pressler, Lawrence Markey, Dr. L. C. Schutt, Rudolph O. Reinewald.

SEVENTH WARD.

State Delegates—Sebastian Wiegand, W. J. Kerr, Barney Roth.

Joint Delegates—George J. Alter, Conrad Eggeman, Charles Brocking.

Township Delegates—Henry Bauer, Philip Keintz, Dan Weisenburger, Peter J. Scheid, Henry Rushing, Conrad Tremmel, Christ Bernhard, Val Ofenloch, Louis Witte, Peter Eiter.

EIGHTH WARD.

State Delegates—Herman Berghold, H. M. Diehl, C. W. Edsall.

Joint Delegates—Will Smick, J. G. Noll, Henry Schuelker.

Township Delegates—J. W. Vordermark, John Harkenrider, William Baade, Charles Greibel, J. S. Gathorn, Henry Drake, Charles Scherer, Charles Koenig.

NINTH WARD.

State Delegates—Louis Hazzard, Fred C. Boltz.

Joint Representatives—John G. Strodle, Wm. Pape.

Township Delegates—Christ Miller, John Fiegell, Fred Bernhart, Peter Oddon, Fred Starke, Henry Stoll.

WAYNE TOWNSHIP.

State Delegates—John Wilkinson, James M. Barrett.

Joint Delegates—Hugh Rockhill, Henry Stellhorn.

Township Delegates—Peter Hensel, Herman Gerke, George Raab, William Smith, William Baltz, Mike Koehler.

The delegates to the state convention will go to Indianapolis April 26. The delegates to the township convention will meet at the circuit court room tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock to nominate a candidate for trustee, three constables and road supervisors.

The joint representative convention has not been called.

Huntington *Democrat*: It has been announced that W. W. Rockhill, of Fort Wayne has disposed of his interest in the Exchange Hotel to Mrs. E. N. Holt. Mr. Rockhill is an excellent gentleman and we had hoped might conclude to remove here. Mrs. Holt is an experienced landlady and has made a success of the hotel business in the past.

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Journal June 22, 1888

TO-DAY'S COUNTY CONVENTION.

Complete List of the Delegates Elected Yesterday in the City and County.

To-day is decidedly a convention day. The republican national convention at Chicago pales before the county democratic convention will be held here today. The election of delegates was held yesterday and it was a very interesting one throughout. The big fight was made on sheriff, and the result is rather a surprise. From present indications it looks as though Viberg would be nominated on the first ballot by an easy majority. THE JOURNAL would not say a single word to prejudice any candidate's chances, but the facts are that according to the score, Mr. Viberg will receive over 100 votes on the first ballot. The circuit judgeship is more a matter of doubt. The fight was concentrated on the shrievalty, and other offices went by the board, so to speak. The convention to-day will be an important one, and it is at this hour a matter of considerable guess with a number of candidates whether they will follow Eh's example and get there or not. Following is a complete list of all the delegates, with the exception of Lafayette township, which was not obtainable last night.

Aboite township, C. Moyer, D. Eggman, L. Schladrau, C. Ambler.

Adams town-hip, C. Miller, H. Fox, D. Rodenbeck, C. Scharper, H. Trautman, E. Schroeder.

Cedar creek, C. J. Schlater, H. Disler, N. Meyers, A. McCrory, David Smith, A. Ely.

Eel River, D. Fogel, F. Dole, George Hand, Nathan Johnstone.

Jefferson, J. F. Dupeyron, Harry G. Dawkins, Charles Girardot, John L. F. Hartman, John Ryan, Eh Miller.

Jackson, S. W. Bolyard, John Grabner, Francis Parrin,

Lake—Patrick Twomey, August Parrin. William Lamley, Louis Goecke, John Rapp.

Lafayette, no report obtained.

Madison, Adam Marquardt, Adam Bowers, R. Mercer, D. Small J. Schaffer, B. McIntosh, Fred Rocknecht.

Marion, Henry Hake, George Morton, Fred Zollinger, John Wyss, John Harber, P. Troutman.

Maumee, George Waite, Webeking, Jacob Johnson.

Milan. Edwin Miller, A. Darling, Henry Givers, Anson Miller, Henry Thiele, William Ringwalt.

Monroe, George Wherry, Samuel Scott, Daniel Sheehan, William Oberly, M. E. Griffith, John Laughlin, Theo Beatty.

Perry, Thomas Vandolah, Charles Parker, E. Schult, Frank Pulver, C. J. Roy, Luther Otto.

Pleasant, Alex Woods, Henry Springer, J. J. Reihling, Geo. Fields, Jacob Haber, William Wilkie, Henry Shearer.

Springfield, John Carns, S. Snyder, Geo. Wann, A. Grill, Berry.

Scipio, A. Walker, John Parker, Jacob Wagner.

St. Joseph, Henry Berning. C. Mengerson, Elias Auman, A. J. Lamar, Valentine Lapp, Martin Bruck, C. Koester, Peter Vahlemeir.

Washington. Fred Kammeyer, F. Feuergeron, Christ Kohlmeyer, John Ryan, J. E. Reuss, Henry Guider.

New Haven, Herman Schnelker, Amos Rich, H. Bell, Gustul Gothe, B. Tibbetts, James Andrews. J. Zurbach.

Wayne township, Wm. Miller, Jacob Stull, T. Tathinger, Chas. Hayes, Herman Gerke, Peter Hensel.

Second ward, Fred Schmuckle, John Daly, Patrick Ryan, Frank Lordier, Wm. Lindeman, Louis Banet, James Wilkinson.

First ward. A. B. Trentman, Chas. Reese, Henry Leib, Henry Colerick, Louis Kruse, F. Offenloch.

Third ward, Thomas Carroll, Martin Heuer. Gotlieb Nieman, Louis Jocquel, Max Nirdlinger, J. E. Lannen.

Fourth ward, P. D. Lindlag. Otto Nichter, Charles Trichler. H. F. Hilgerman, Will Mommer, E. B. Smith.

Fifth ward, M. F. Schmetzer, Frank Brucker, M. Orr, W. M. Battler, J. A. Thieme, D. Brocking, G. J. Geller

Sixth ward, F. Schwartz, Dennis O'Connor, T. D. Gerow, Harry Kiel, Tom Houlihan, Julius Remus ½, R. Beverforden ½.

Seventh ward. C. Trennel, L. Witte, W. Hock, R. H. Harrison, J. D. Rickard, D. Crimmons, J. Druhot, V. Hartman, Ed McCanley, F. Trenchet.

Eighth ward, William Dornberg, George Hitzeman, Frank Weber, Jacob Hartman, Lawrence E. Battinger, Charles W. Scherer, John Harkenrider, Charles W. Axt, John G. Noll.

Ninth ward, R. Figel, Wm. Chase, J. Butink, P. Certia, L. Haiber, F. W. Wefel,

Nov. 6th 1888

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For President,
GROVER CLEVELAND.

For Vice-President,
ALLEN G. THURMAN.

For Presidential Elector, State at Large,
THOMAS R. COBB.

For Presidential Elector, State at Large,
JOHN E. LAMB.

For Presidential Elector, First District,
SAMUEL B. VANCE.

For Presidential Elector, Second District,
CULLER S. DOBBINS.

For Presidential Elector, Third District,
GEORGE H. D. GIBSON.

For Presidential Elector, Fourth District,
NICHOLAS CORNET.

For Presidential Elector, Fifth District,
JOHN R. EAST.

For Presidential Elector, Sixth District,
THOMAS J. STUDY.

For Presidential Elector, Seventh District,
DAVID S. GOODING.

For Presidential Elector, Eighth District,
SAMUEL D. PUETT.

For Presidential Elector, Ninth District,
JOHN F. McHUGH.

For Presidential Elector, Tenth District,
DAVID D. DYKEMAN.

For Presidential Elector, Eleventh District,
JOHN N. TURNER.

For Presidential Elector, Twelfth District,
JOHN H. BASS.

For Presidential Elector, Thirteenth District,
ANDREW G. WOOD.

For Governor,
COURTLAND C. MATSON.

For Lieutenant-Governor,
WILLIAM R. MYERS.

For Secretary of State,
ROBERT W. MIERS.

For Auditor of State,
CHARLES A. MUNSON.

For Treasurer of State,
THOMAS B. BYRNES.

For Attorney-General,
JOHN R. WILSON.

For Superintendent Public Instruction,
ELMER E. GRIFFITH.

For Judge Supreme Court, First District,
WILLIAM E. NIBLACK.

For Judge Supreme Court, Second District,
GEORGE V. HOWK.

For Judge Supreme Court, Fourth District,
ALLEN ZOLLARS.

For Reporter Supreme Court,
JOHN W. KERN.

For Representative in Congress, 12th Congressional District,
CHARLES A. O. McCLELLAN.

For Judge Circuit Court, 38th Judicial Circuit
EDWARD O'ROURKE.

For Prosecuting Attorney, 38th Judicial Circuit,
JAMES M. ROBINSON.

For Joint Senator, Allen and Whitley Counties
FREDERICK J. HAYDEN.

For Representatives, Allen County,
WILLIAM H. SHAMBAUGH.
FRANCIS GLADIO.

For Joint Representative, Allen and Huntington Counties,
WILLIAM S. OPPENHEIM.

For Sheriff of Allen County,
GEORGE H. VIBERG.

For Treasurer of Allen County,
ISAAC MOWRER.

For Coroner of Allen County,
ABRAHAM J. KESSLER.

For Surveyor of Allen County,
HENRY F. FISCHER.

For County Commissioner, First District,
JASPER W. JONES.

For County Commissioner, Second District,
HENRY F. BULLERMANN.

For County Commissioner, Third District,
JOHN H. BRANNAN.

President—Cleveland, 9,692; Harrison, 5,456. Cleveland's plurality, 4,236.

Governor—Courtland C. Matson, 9,685; Alvin P. Hovey, 5,443; John B. Milroy, 97; Jasper Hughes, 165. Matson's plurality, 4,242.

Lieutenant-Governor—W. R. Meyers, 9,683; Ira J. Chase, 5,456; John W. Baxter, 165; Hiram Maine, 98. Meyers plurality, 4,227.

Secretary of state—Robert W. Miers, 9,687; C. F. Griffin, 5,459; Wm. A. Spurgeon, 166; A. C. Geyser, 98. Mier's plurality, 4,228.

Auditor of state—C. A. Munson, 9,753; Bruce Carr, 5,350; Thomas Marvel, 156; Jesse V. Demaree, 71. Munson's plurality, 4,403.

Treasurer of state—Thomas B. Byrnes, 9,684; Julius Lemcke, 5,469; Allen Furnas, 165; David F. Doll, 95; Frank Freese, 5. Byrnes' plurality, 4,215.

Attorney general—John R. Wilson, 9,705; Louis F. Michener, 5,446; Elwood Hunt, 173; Henry Colerick, 2. Wilson's plurality, 4,259.

Reporter—John W. Kern, 9,673; John L. Griffiths, 5,460; Thomas C. Barnes, 156; Jacob C. Smith, 107. Kerns' plurality, 4 213.

Superintendent public instruction, 9,622; Elmer E. Griffith, 5,339; Harvey M. Lafollette, 158; Chas. H. Kiracofe, 93. Griffith's plurality, 4,283.

Judge supreme court, 1st district—Wm. R. Niblack, 9,689; Silas D. Coffee, 5,466; Wm. M. Land, 164. Niblack's plurality, 4,223.

Judge supreme court, 2nd district—Geo. W. Howk, 9,691; John G. Berkshire, 5,467; Richard L. Coffey, 175. Howk's plurality, 4,244.

Judge supreme court, 3rd district—Allen Zollars, 9,795; Walter Olds, 5,396; Newton Burwell, 169. Zollars' plurality, 4,399.

Congress—Chas. A. O. McClellan, 9,209; Jas. B. White, 5,980; Geo. T. Butler, 147; P. P. Miner, 11. McClellan's plurality, 3,229.

Senator for Allen and Whitley—Frederick J. Hayden, 9,567; Homer C. Hartman, 5,507; Chas. H. Rockey, 173; John V. Miller, 2. Hayden's plurality, 4,060.

Representative from Huntington and Allen—Wm. S. Oppenheim, 9,611, Newton E. Cook, 5,514; Wm. Thorne, 169; James Mitchell, 3. Oppenheim's plurality, 4,097.

Representative—Wm. Shambaugh, 9,625; Benjamin F. Harper, 5,458; Henry C. Schrader, 181; George Japp, 143. Shambaugh's plurality, 4,167.

Representative—Francis Gladio, 9,686; John T. Leach, 5,465; John Aiken, 173; Patrick Horn, 96; E. O'Rourke, 4. Gladio's plurality, 4,221.

Prosecuting attorney—Jas. M. Robinson, 9,666; Wilmer Leonard, 5,448; Jas. E. Graham, 181.

Robinson's plurality, 4,218,

Judge circuit court — Edward O'Rourke, 9,695; M. O. Shaughnessy, 1; John P. Emerick, 2; Samul Morris, 4.

O'Rourke's plurality, 9,694.

Sheriff—Geo. H. Viberg, 9,689; Hiram Smith, 5,403; John V. Hiler, 204; Platt J. Wise, 3.

Viberg's plurality, 4,286.

Treasurer—Isaac Mowrer, 9,545; Franklin Freese, 5,575; Jas. W. Cromwell, 173; William Scott, 2.

Mowrer's plurality, 3,970.

Coroner—Abraham J. Kessler, 9,626; U. G. Liper, 5,496; A. Engle, 163; (illegible)

Sentinel TABULATED RETURNS. Nov. 9-1888

The Official Vote of Allen County For President and Congressman 1884, 1886 and 1888.

TOWNSHIPS AND WARDS.	President 1884		President 1888		Congressman. 1886		Congressm'n 1888	
	Cleveland.	Blaine.	Cleveland.	Harrison.	Lowry.	White.	McClellan.	White.
Adams	223	53	508	181	126	102	190	203
Aboite	137	114	119	119	99	119	111	130
Cedar Creek	220	118	250	100	198	116	247	102
Eel River	168	120	157	130	138	116	144	138
Jefferson	225	143	242	159	177	167	220	179
Jackson	59	35	79	55	58	47	76	58
Lafayette	248	117	232	120	166	118	232	120
Lake	205	106	204	109	135	145	198	117
Madison	258	109	246	110	198	114	245	114
Monroe	221	86	299	136	154	150	297	135
Maumee	58	71	82	57	40	66	82	57
Marion	245	99	211	80	115	109	205	84
Milan	290	120	243	109	154	120	236	116
Pleasant, 1 precinct	233	87	167	66	138	65	164	67
2 precinct			91	63	66	80	91	65
Perry	251	129	229	100	153	128	217	114
St. Joe	244	198	254	120	197	150	250	124
Springfield	291	117	196	229	162	221	190	238
Scipio	45	53	55	63	42	61	56	65
Washington	138	92	146	101	92	126	136	122
Washington in city	103	135	137	120	90	104	138	109
Wayne, 1 precinct	197	119	193	151	143	133	185	159
2 precinct	179	91	218	114	125	110	198	138
New Haven	281	110	..	....	205	160		
City of Fort Wayne—								
First Ward, 1 precinct	255	126	287	134	178	173	258	160
2 precinct	191	96	217	93	139	143	198	114
Second Ward, 1 precinct	281	147	286	167	198	211	266	188
2 precinct	206	111	202	103	127	148	183	124
Third Ward, 1 precinct	170	136	182	151	111	142	171	160
2 precinct	237	169	257	168	177	167	236	193
Fourth Ward, 1 precinct	188	139	212	132	140	152	191	131
2 precinct	241	164	282	173	160	189	262	192
Fifth Ward, 1 precinct	154	187	207	261	128	238	202	266
2 precinct	368	200	374	228	215	301	355	256
Sixth Ward, 1 precinct	212	168	269	191	158	211	254	209
2 precinct	246	150	275	185	178	200	259	201
Seventh Ward, 1 precinct	306	131	390	197	239	211	379	213
2 precinct	357	125	463	137	229	186	437	176
Eighth Ward, 1 precinct	298	98	307	144	224	158	292	169
2 precinct	350	112	466	152	232	217	419	203
Ninth Ward, 1 precinct	189	112	236	150	143	142	221	167
2 precinct	179	93	222	98	148	110	215	104
Total votes	8904	4932	9692	5456	6128	6126	9209	5980
Majority	3972		4236		302		3229	

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Rudy C. Reinewald,	1151	1
A. C. F. Wichman,	195	
Rockhill's Plurality,	19[illegible]	4

When the term of office of City Clerk W. W. Rockhill shall have ended, he will retire from all active business for the space of a year or two at least and will remove from the city to the stock farm of Rockhill Brothers, where he will enjoy rural life.

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THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY.

Muhler, Reinewald, Sosenheimer, Franke, Reese and Hoecker are the Nominees.

The democratic primary nominating election occurred Saturday evening, and was not as largely attended as was generally supposed it would be. In many wards, however, great interest was manifested, but the total vote, 3,742, does not approach close enough to the democratic vote, 6,000, at general elections, and to this point the people must be urged.

Another point the city central committee must hereafter look to is the construction of proper ward boards to count and canvass the vote. The men should not only guarantee honesty but they should be apt.

In the Seventh ward a vote of 720 was polled, and it was exactly 5 o'clock Sunday morning when the board finished its task of counting, although the nomination of clerk and treasurer hinged on its result.

The tardy work gave rise to grave suspicion, but the inaccuracies could scarcely effect the general result.

The vote by wards is given in the table below, with the total vote for each candidate, and the vote for councilman following:

Ward.	Charles F. Muhler	Rudolph C. Reinewald	Otto Herbst	Michael J. Houlihan	George K. Torrence	Wm. Doerhmann	Chas. J. Sosenheimer
First	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Second	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Third	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fourth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fifth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sixth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Seventh	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eighth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

May 7 1884

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY.

FOR MAYOR
CHARLES F. MUHLER.

FOR CLERK.
RUDOLPH C. REINEWALD.
OTTO HERBST.
MICHAEL J. HOULIHAN.
GEORGE K. TORRENCE.

FOR TREASURER.
WILLIAM DOERHMANN.
CHARLES J. SOSENHEIMER.

FOR MARSHAL.
DIEDRICH MEYER.
FRANK FALKER.
JAMES WILKINSON.
HENRY C. FRANKE.

FOR ASSESSOR
CHARLES REESE.

FOR WATER WORKS TRUSTEE
CHRISTIAN BOSEKER.
MILTON N. WEBBER.
J. SION SMITH.
WILLIAM BUTLER.

FOR COUNCILMAN 3d WARD
JAMES WOULFE.

COUNCILMAN.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

THIRD WARD.

For Mayor,
CHARLES F. MUHLER.

For Clerk,
RUDOLPH C. REINEWALD,

For Treasurer,
CHARLES J. SOSENHEIMER.

For Marshal,
HENRY C. FRANKE.

For Assessor,
CHARLES REESE.

For Water Works Trustee,
CHRISTIAN BOSEKER.

For Councilman,
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For the creation of the Tenth Ward,
YES.
NO.—

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The discussion as to whom should be candidates for the various offices was quite interesting, and at times grew very animated. Indeed, at one time it looked as though it would be necessary for the police to interfere, and the meeting would not then have been nearly so private as it was intended to be. A partial ticket was finally made up and it is expected that all the followers will stay closely by the slate. For his unsuccessful attempt to down Judge O'Rourke, a seat in the state senate is to be given Mort Dawson, and as a plea to his success he is to raise a campaign cry of a "reduction in the fees and salaries of county officers". The race for county clerk is to be made by Wright Rockhill on the plea of "one term only," unmindful of the fact that three or four terms in the city clerk's office has been his portion. Wright hopes that the "farmers will not get onto that little scheme," especially as he carries the city vote in his right hand breeches pocket. Pat Ryan will be put up for county treasurer, and for sheriff, William Schrader will probably be endorsed, though on him there was considerable of a kick. It is probable that all will unite on Andy Bowersock for recorder, yet that was not fully decided upon and will not be until it can be ascertained how much he will be willing to give up. The remainder of the slate will be fixed up hereafter, and circumstances may require some alterations in the programme. Prosecutor Robinson will be allowed to name his own successor, but it is not thought that the present deputy will be given any show.

There was only one fear expressed at the meeting as the success of the plans then laid, and all power possible will be brought to bear against such a contingency. It is feared that when Judge Hench, Judge Zollars and Charley Zollinger return home, they themselves will want to take a hand in organizing, and may insist on doing so. They realize that in these three there is a great power, and all energies are to be directed to breaking their influence with the people. This work will be at once commenced and vigorously pushed, and it is hoped that by the time they return the measures will have been so effectual that the trio will be powerless to counteract their designs. The war promises to be interesting from this time on.

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VOTE OF 1887.

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Rudy C. Reinewald,	- -	1157
A. C. F. Wichman,	- -	193
Rockhill's Plurality,	-	194 4

When the term of office of City Clerk W. W. Rockhill shall have ended, he will retire from all active business for the space of a year or two at least and will remove from the city to the stock farm of Rockhill Brothers, where he will enjoy rural life.

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THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY.

Muhler, Reinewald, Sosenheimer, Franke, Reese and Hoseker are the Nominees.

The democratic primary nominating election occurred Saturday evening, and was not as largely attended as was generally supposed it would be. In many wards, however, great interest was manifested, but the total vote, 3,742, does not approach close enough to the democratic vote, 6,000, at general elections, and to this point the people must be urged.

Another point the city central committee must hereafter look to is the construction of proper ward boards to count and canvass the vote. The men should not only guarantee honesty but they should be apt.

In the Seventh ward a vote of 720 was polled, and it was exactly 5 o'clock Sunday morning when the board finished its task of counting, although the nomination of clerk and treasurer hinged on its result.

The tardy work gave rise to grave suspicion, but the inaccuracies could scarcely effect the general result.

The vote by wards is given in the table below, with the total vote for each candidate, and the vote for councilman following:

Wards.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	9th.	10th.	Total.
Charles F. Muhler	22	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	270
Henry C. Reinewald	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	170
Otto Herbst	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	220
Michael J. Houlihan	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	130
George K. Torrence	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	140
William Doehlmann	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	270
Charles Sosenheimer	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	170
Dietrich Meyer	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	120
Henry C. Franke	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	220
Frank Falker	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	150
James Wilkinson	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	210
Charles Reese	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	220
Milton N. Webber	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	120
Christian Bosseker	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	170
J. Sion Smith	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	120
William Butler	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	220

THE VOTE FOR COUNCILMEN.

First ward—Wm. Meyer, 217; W. H. Tigar, 149. Comitteeman, H. Burlager.

Second ward—M. Cody, 185; Herman Michael, 175. Committeeman, P. B. Colerick.

Third ward—James Woulfe, 286. Committeeman, Wm. Meyer, jr.

Fourth ward—Henry F. Hilgeman, 225; Ernst F. Ramp, 54. Committeeman, Phil Lindlag.

Fifth ward—Henry Hilbrecht, 311. Committeeman, Wm. Thiel.

Sixth ward—James Conroy, 398. Committeeman, John Brase.

Seveoth ward—A. Sullivan, 361; D. J. Shaw; 106; William Stephan, 253. Committeeman, Frank J. Delagrange.

Eighth ward—H. P. Vordermark, 195; Henry Guenther, 162; G. R. Hench, 138; Tom Layd, 73; Henry Schmelker, 37. Committeeman, John M. Rohyans.

Ninth ward—Louis Hazzard, 291; John Cashman, 125. Committeeman, J. C. Figel.

May 7 1884

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY.

FOR MAYOR:
CHARLES F. MUHLER.

FOR CLERK:
RUDOLPH C. REINEWALD.
OTTO HERBST.
MICHAEL J. HOULIHAN.
GEORGE K. TORRENCE.

FOR TREASURER:
WILLIAM DOEHLMANN.
CHARLES J. SOSENHEIMER.

FOR MARSHAL:
DIEDRICH MEYER.
FRANK FALKER
JAMES WILKINSON.
HENRY C. FRANKE.

FOR ASSESSOR:
CHARLES REESE.

FOR WATER WORKS TRUSTEE:
CHRISTIAN BOSEKER.
MILTON N. WEBBER.
J. SION SMITH.
WILLIAM BUTLER.

FOR COUNCILMAN 3d WARD.
JAMES WOULFE.

COMMITTEEMAN:

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

THIRD WARD.

For Mayor,
CHARLES F. MUHLER.

For Clerk,
RUDOLPH C. REINEWALD,

For Treasurer,
CHARLES J. SOSENHEIMER.

For Marshal,
HENRY C. FRANKE.

For Assessor,
CHARLES REESE.

For Water Works Trustee,
CHRISTIAN BOSEKER,

For Councilman,
JAMES WOULFE.

For the creation of the Tenth Ward,
YES.
NO.—

A ROYAL BANQUET.

Fort Wayne Commandery, No. 4, Hold a Royal Feast in Honor of Grand Inspector General Henry G. Thayer.

Fort Wayne Commandery, No. 4, K. T., held a royal feast last night at their banquet hall, the occasion being the visit of Grand Inspector General Henry G. Thayer. About seventy-five Sir Knights were present, among whom were noticed Sir Knights from Huntington, Bluffton, Kendallville and other cities. The order of the Temple and Malta was conferred in a splendid and impressive manner upon William Bedwards, and these solemn, impressive and magnificent ceremonies occupied the attention of the Sir Knights till nearly 11 o'clock. The Sir Knights then repaired to their banquet hall where a magnificent feast was in waiting for their consumption. At the head of the festal board sat the Eminent Commander William Geake, and on his right, the seat of honor, sat the Grand Inspector General Henry G. Thayer. After Sir Knight Stemen had invoked divine blessing, the Grand Inspector General was welcomed to the hospitality and hearts of Fort Wayne commandery by Em. Sir C. M. Dauson. Sir Knight Thayer responded in an eloquent and scholarly address, developing a deep interest in and knowledge of the order of Knights Templar acquired by travel, experience and love of the order. Sir Thayer is a ready and eloquent talker, and his remarks awakened the spirit and enthusiasm of all present. Sir Thayer beside being a knight well known to the templars of Indiana, is as well known to most of Fort Wayne commandery as a personal friend, and his courtesy, knightly bearing and genial manner has endeared him to all who knew him here. By unanimous rising vote he was requested to be present at the opening of the splendid quarters about completed in the Masonic Temple for the exclusive use of the commandery and he has consented to be present. The absent ones were not forgotten. The sympathy of the commandery were telegraphed to Sir W. W. Rockhill, who is now sick at St. Louis, Mich., wishing him a speedy recovery. Instructive and eloquent remarks were made by Sir Knights Stemen, Ward, Munson, Mordhurst, Shambaugh, Hayden, Polhamus and others. After the Sir Knights had fully discussed the elegant repast all joined in a hearty song, closing with "auld lang syne." At a late hour the conclave adjourned. The grand inspector general was pleased to highly compliment the commadery, and the compliment was as highly appreciated, for besides being in high official station, Sir Thayer is considered authority on commandery work. It was a splendid occasion and will long be remembered by those fortunate enough to have been there. Success to the sir knights, and to Sir Thayer a cordial invitation to come again and come often.

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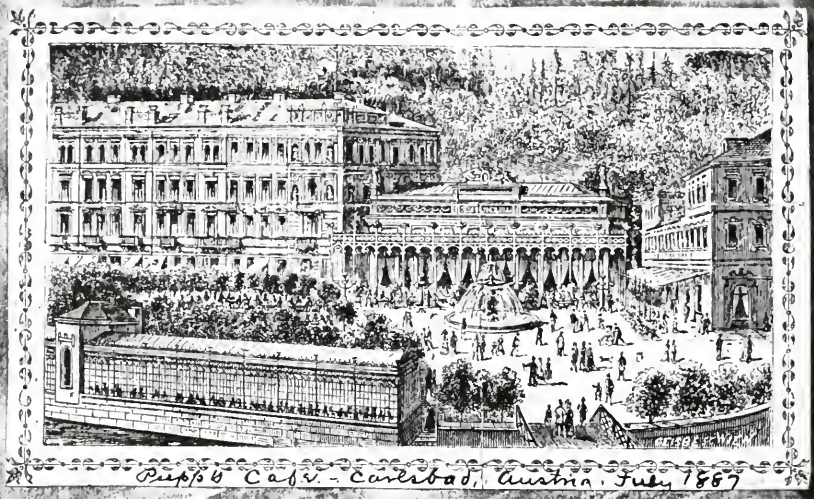

Official Abstract of the Vote Cast Tuesday, May 5, 1891.

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William Rockhill, a democrat, of Fort Wayne, another native of New Jersey, and a pioneer citizen of Allen county, was Mr. Kennedy's successor, having been elected to the thirtieth congress—1847 to 1849—over Wm. D. Ewing, his whig competitor, also a pioneer citizen of large wealth and influence. Mr. Rockhill was one of the three county commissioners elected at the organization of the county in 1824. He was a state representative and a state senator before his election to congress. He served in congress one term, and died January 15, 1865, an honored citizen and respected by all who knew him. His name is a part of the history of Fort Wayne. The late I. D. G. Nelson, Philo Rumsey, of Santa Fe, N. M., and Nelson Wheeler, of this city, married daughters of Mr. Rockhill. Another daughter, Mrs. E. L. Craw, Wright W., Hugh, M. C., John B. and Howard C. Rockhill are his children by a second wife.

J. H. SCHWERZGEN.

The Twelfth District Organization.

Special to THE JOURNAL.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 27.—The delegates of the Twelfth district met in the state house to-night and were called to order by Hon. Allen Zollars.

Hon. W. H. Dills, of Auburn, was chosen chairman of the meeting and W. K. Sheffer, of the Kendallville *News*, was chosen secretary.

Mr. W. W. Rockhill, of the FORT WAYNE JOURNAL, had enough votes offered to elect him state committeeman for the Twelfth district, but withdrew his name at the request of Mr. Berghoff, who asked in return the solid vote of the district.

Hon W. F. McNagny, of Whitley county, was selected as vice-president for to-morrow's convention; W. W. Rockhill, of THE FORT WAYNE JOURNAL, was chosen as assistant secretary; J. E. McDonald, of the Ligonier *Banner*, a member of the credential committee; Nick E. Newman, of Noble county, a member of the committee on permanent organization; D. A. Fawcett, editor of the Lagrange *Democrat*, a member of the committee on resolutions; Herman Freygang, of Steuben county, member of the state central committee.

Hon. Eli W. Brown introduced a resolution looking to the insertion in the state platform of planks favoring an income tax, the government issue of paper money in place of bank notes, a radical position on the tariff, and the fees to be abolished in county and state offices.

J. H. SCHWERZGEN.

I AM STILL

—FOR—

LOWRY.

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GRAND!

IS THE WORK OF DEMOCRACY.

A MAGNIFICENT TICKET NOMINATED YESTERDAY.

It's a Tower of Strength From End to End and Popular and Clean.

A Pen Picture of One of the Finest Conventions Ever Held in Allen County—The Ticket.

The democrats of Allen county voiced their preferences yesterday.

It was a remarkable assembly—calm, considerate and thoroughly democratic.

The oldest in the party do not recall a convention of its kind for its aim was to place in the field a list of candidates that the whole party could espouse.

There were animated scenes and spirited applause as a favorite faced the delegates, but the forces were admirably marshalled after a canvass of two months and the work proceeded smoothly.

The convention at the start took strong ground against interference with the right to educate children in private or public schools and placed the party on record as favoring the fullest and fairest freedom in education as in religion.

The proceedings were marked with the greatest harmony, the best of feeling prevailed, and for once the democracy have nominated a ticket that pleases the masses.

On every hand the candidates are commended, republicans vieing with democrats in praise of their character, fitness and worth.

THE JOURNAL submits this roll of honor with pride and satisfaction:

THE TICKET.

State Senator,
J. D. MORGAN.
Representatives,
JOHN BIEGALER and S. M. HENCH.
Superior Court Judge,
C. M. DAWSON
Prosecuting Attorney,
P. B. COLERICK.
Clerk,
D. W. SOUDER.

Auditor,
A. F. GLUTTING.
Recorder,
GEORGE W. FICKEL.
Treasurer,
EDWARD BECKMAN
Sheriff
GEORGE H. AHERN.
Coroner,
A. J. KESLER.
Surveyor,
HENRY E. FISCHER
Commissioners
H. F. BULLERMAN,
J. H. STELLHORN.

THE CONVENTION.

It is Pictured From Life With Every Detail—Chairman Barrett's Eloquent Address.

[Reported expressly for THE JOURNAL by W. E. McDermott, the stenographer.]

The convention was called to order at 10:30 by Hon. Montgomery Hamilton, chairman of the county central committee; and the secretary, W. W. Hitchhill, read the call for the convention and called the roll of townships, wards and precincts, all being represented.

PERMANENT CHAIRMAN.

For permanent chairman, James M. Robinson, prosecuting attorney and Hon. James M. Barrett were nominated. The ballot resulted:

Robinson	72
Barrett	111

Mr. Barrett was declared elected and took chair amid great applause, and spoke as follows:

Gentlemen of the Convention:

I thank you for the honor of being called upon to preside over this convention of the representatives of the gallant democracy of old Allen. [Applause.] I must confess, however, if I had my own individual preference I would have conferred your choice upon some one else, for the reason that I am not feeling very well, and therefore at the outset I ask of you your cordial support in the difficult and the delicate duties which you have placed upon me today.

Precinct

For Mayor
Zollinger
Harding
For Clerk
Reinew
Studor
For Treas
Sosenh
Haller
For Mars
Franke
Flack
For Wat
Metull
Stegem
For Coun
Ulser
Stogor
Second W
Cody
White
Third W
Eggen
Gruber
Fourth
Hilge
Kelker
Fifth W
Buck
Geake
Sixth W
Fox
Cran
Seventh
Kemp
Jody
Eighth W
Shere
Ninth W
Hazzard
Liggett
Tenth W
Meyer
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now declare the convention ready to proceed with the business of the hour, and await the will of the convention. [Great applause.]

PERMANENT SECRETARY.

For permanent secretary of the convention W. W. Rockhill was nominated, and on motion was unanimously elected by acclamation. Michael Houlihan was unanimously chosen assistant secretary.

COMMITTEEMEN AND DELEGATES.

The various townships were then called for names of county committeemen and delegates to the state convention.

RESOLUTION.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Hamilton, from the central committee:

Resolved, By the democracy of Allen county in convention assembled, that while heartily indorsing and upholding the American system of public schools for the gratuitous instruction of all that choose to make use of them, we are decidedly opposed to each and every attempt to regulate by law the course of study in any private or parochial school; for any interference on the part of the state in the management of schools maintained by private citizens at their own expense would be an arbitrary and despotic encroachment upon private rights, and therefore we hereby pledge our candidates for the legislature to resist to the utmost the adoption of so unjust and dangerous a policy.

The reading was received with applause and on motion the resolution was unanimously adopted.

STATE SENATOR.

For candidates for state senator from Allen county the following gentlemen were announced: Dr. J. D. Morgan, of Monroe; John Dalman, of Wayne; J. P. Emerick, of Pleasant.

The gentlemen pledged themselves as follows:

Dr. Morgan—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the convention, whether nominated or not nominated, I shall do in the future as I have always done in the past, earnestly and faithfully support the whole ticket from top to bottom.

Mr. Dalman—I pledge myself to support the nominees of this convention, let your choice be whom it may.

Mr Emerick—I pledge myself to support the nominees of this convention, also the state ticket.

The ballot resulted as follows:

Dalman	60
Emerick	18
Morgan	105

Dr. Morgan was declared nominated, and on motion of Mr. Dalman, seconded by Mr. Emerick, the nomination was made unanimous.

TWO REPRESENTATIVES.

The convention then proceeded to the election of two candidates for representatives in Allen county. The following gentlemen were announced:

On motion Mr. Colerick's nomination was made unanimous.

COUNTY CLERK.

The following named gentlemen were announced as candidates for clerk of the Allen circuit court: Jacob J. Kern, Daniel W. Souder, John B. Monning and Louis Brames.

Mr. Kern—I pledge my hearty support, whether nominated or not, to the nominees of this convention.

Mr. Brames—I pledge myself to support the nominees, whoever they may be.

Mr. Souder—For the second time I stand before you, and as in the former time, pledge myself to support the nominees of this convention, as well as the nominees of our state and national conventions. I thank you.

Mr. Monning—This is my first attempt to appear before a democratic convention, and to say that I am not a democrat would not be right, because it runs in this family. I pledge myself to support the ticket from stem to stern no matter who is nominated. Gentlemen, I thank you.

The ballots resulted:

	1st Ballot.	2d Ballot.	3d Ballot.	4th Ballot.	5th Ballot.	6th Ballot.	7th Ballot.
Kern	53	60	71	71	66	56	58
Souder	55	59	62	62	74	91	94
Monning	42	47	48	48	43	36	31
Brames	33	11	2	2	—	—	—

Mr. Souder was declared the nominee of the convention, and on motion of Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Monning, the nomination was made unanimous.

AUDITOR.

The convention then proceeded to the nomination of county auditor. Messrs. Andrew F. Glutting, James Peltier and Dr. L. S. Null were announced.

Mr. Glutting—I pledge myself to support the nominee of this convention, be he who he may.

Mr. Peltier—Never having known anything but the democratic party in the past, and recognizing none other now, I pledge myself to support every nominee of this convention.

A ballot was then taken, and Mr. Glutting received 122 votes, but before the announcement of the result Mr. Peltier moved that the nomination of Mr. Glutting be made unanimous. Dr. Null seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

RECORDER.

Messrs. Louis Hazzard, William A. Reichelderfer, George W. Fickel, Milton W. Thompson and Andrew Bowersock were announced as candidates. The gentlemen pledged themselves as follows:

Mr. Hazzard—I have the pleasure to meet you for the first time on an occasion of this kind. I have served you in war, and I have served you in peace, as a protector [illegible] ballot, and now please protect [illegible] and I will support the [illegible] nominated.

I pledge myself to-

	1st Ballot.	2d Ballot.	3d Ballot.	4th Ballot.
Viberg	66½	81½	[illegible]	[illegible]
Clausmeyer	53½	68½	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rohan	24	10	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cosgrove	27½	24½	[illegible]	11½
Chapman	11	8	[illegible]	[illegible]

Mr. Chapmen withdrew his name at the end of the second ballot.

After the announcement of the vote Mr. Clausmeyer, seconded by Messrs. Rohan and Chapman, moved that the nomination of Mr. Viberg be made unanimous. Carried.

Here Mr. Joseph T. Fanning, of Indianapolis, a candidate for the democratic nomination for clerk of the supreme court, was introduced to the [illegible] and spoke briefly, congratulating the democracy on its good work in convention, and requesting the [illegible] Allen county at the state convention.

The chairman announced that the democratic central committee held at the circuit court room [illegible] from the date of the convention for the purpose of completing the organization for the present year.

HENDRICKS MONUMENT.

The Chairman—On the first day next, there will be unveiled at Indianapolis a monument to whom all democrats of Indiana well, Thomas A Hendricks. I am reliably informed that [illegible] leave here in the morning, return evening, and that the round trip be only $2.40. It is desired of the democrats here, and of and of the state, that as many from this good democratic [illegible] go on that day to the city of [illegible] to pay their honor and respect distinguished statesman. [Applause.]

CORONER.

Dr. Hershel S. Myers and Kesler were announced as candidates the nomination for coroner county.

Dr. Myers—I pledge myself the nominee, whoever he may

Dr. Kesler—I pledge myself the nominee, whoever he may

The ballot:

Myers	[illegible]
Kesler	[illegible]

Dr. Kesler was declared [illegible]

SURVEYOR.

The name of Henry [illegible] present incumbent, was the nounced as a candidate for county surveyor, and on [illegible] nomitated by acclamation. gate suggested that Mr. F[illegible] customary pledge.

The Chairman—Well, [illegible] port the nominee, now [illegible] inated.

Mr. Fisher—I pledge m[illegible] the nominee.

COUNTY COMM[illegible]

Henry F. Buller[illegible] meyer were ann[illegible] for commissioner [illegible] trict

IT WAS INTERESTING.

The Democratic County Mass Convention Calls Out a Good Representation.

Jany 2 1892

The circuit court room was comfortably filled yesterday afternoon, the occasion being a mass convention to select delegates to the Twelfth district convention to be held here next Friday afternoon.

Hon. Allen Zollars, the county chairman, called the meeting to order and the secretary, W. W. Rockhill, read the call for the election of thirty-eight delegates from this county.

After this, Judge Allen Zollars suggested the election of a permanent chairman, and Hon. C. M. Dawson was chosen.

Frank Dildine, of the *Sentinel*, and A. J. Moynihan, of THE JOURNAL, were named as secretaries.

There was a difference of opinion as to the manner in which delegates should be chosen—a discussion that was as live as it was interesting.

Hon. Robert Lowry, Hon. Allen Zollars, Hon. Henry C. Berghoff, Hon Henry Colerick, Hon. J. M. Barrett, Hon. M. V. B. Spencer were the orators and incidentally Judge Dawson settled a

But finally the question came to a focus and on motion of Senator Barrett the delegates were selected by a committee of seven and this suggestion the meeting voted for almost solidly, as the democracy of the whole county will approve this list of delegates.

New Haven—Henry F. Schnelker.
Adams township—O. B. Wiley.
Aboit township—O. Bird.
Cedar Creek township—Martin Moudy.
Eel River township—George Hand.
Jefferson township—Patrick Ryan.
Jackson, Scipio and Maumee townships—Jasper W. Jones
Lake township—Thomas Larimore.
Lafayette township—George Lawrence.
Madison township—John McIntosh.
Marion township—John Weise.
Milan township—Stephen Heath.
Monroe township—Edward Finan.
Perry township—Wilson Parker.
Pleasant township—Wm. Kinirk.
Springfield township—Wm. Reichelterfer.
St. Joseph township—Christ Rose.
Washington township—John Reuss.
Wayne township—J. M. Barrett.
First ward—Wm. Knough, Byron Hattersley.
Second ward—H. C. Berghoff, Montgomery Hamilton.
Third ward—C. Bosecker, W. W. Rockhill.
Fourth ward—Henry Hilgeman, A. F. Glutting.
Fifth ward—Louis Huser, Michael Orr.
Sixth ward—Louis Fox, E. A. K France.
Seventh ward—Chas. Sosenheimer.
Eighth ward—Mike Bohen, George Heuch.
Ninth ward—Louis Hazzard, Cass Hunter.
Tenth ward—Frank DeLagrange, D. J. Shaw.

Jany 6, 1892

HARMONY PREVAILS

Meeting of the Democrats of the Twelfth District.

W. W. Rockhill Selected State Central Committeeman—The National and State Conventions Discussed.

Yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock pursuant to call the delegates of the twelfth congressional district to the democratic

Jany 8, 1892

IT WAS INTERESTING.

The Democratic County Mass Convention Calls Out a Good Representation.

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The circuit court room was comfortably filled yesterday afternoon, the occasion being a mass convention to select delegates to the Twelfth district convention to be held here next Friday afternoon.

Hon. Allen Zollars, the county chairman, called the meeting to order and the secretary, W. W. Rockhill, read the call for the election of thirty-eight delegates from this county.

After this, Judge Allen Zollars suggested the election of a permanent chairman, and Hon. C. M. Dawson was chosen.

Frank Dildine, of the *Sentinel*, and A. J. Moynihan, of THE JOURNAL, were named as secretaries.

There was a difference of opinion as to the manner in which delegates should be chosen—a discussion that was as live as it was interesting.

Hon. Robert Lowry, Hon. Allen Zollars, Hon. Henry C. Berghoff, Hon Henry Colerick, Hon. J. M. Barrett, Hon. M. V. B. Spencer were the orators and incidentally Judge Dawson settled a

But finally the question came to a focus and on motion of Senator Barrett the delegates were selected by a committee of seven and this suggestion the meeting voted for almost solidly, as the democracy of the whole county will approve this list of delegates:

New Haven—Henry F. Schnelker.
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Aboit township—O Bird.
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Perry township—Wilson Parker.
Pleasant township—Wm. Kinirk.
Springfield township—Wm. Reichelderfer.
St. Joseph township—Christ Rose.
Washington township—John Reuss.
Wayne township—J. M. Barrett.
First ward—Wm. Kaough, Byron Hattersley.
Second ward—H. C. Berghoff, Montgomery Hamilton.
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HARMONY PREVAILS

Meeting of the Democrats of the Twelfth District.

W. W. Rockhill Selected State Central Committeeman—The National and State Conventions Discussed.

Yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock pursuant to call the delegates of the twelfth congressional district to the democratic district convention assembled at the Allen county circuit court room in this city. The counties of Allen, DeKalb, Lagrange, Noble, Steuben and Whitley were represented. Herman Freygang, of Angola, district chairman, called the convention to order and Hon. A. A. Adams, of Columbia City, was selected secretary, with the democratic editors of the district officiating as assistants.

After stating the object of the meeting Chairman Freygang said: "Nominations for a district chairman, who will also serve as a state central committeeman, are now in order."

Hon. W. H. Shambaugh of this city, then arose for recognition and said:

"At a caucus meeting of the Allen county delegates, held previous to the assembling of this convention, as chairman I have been requested to place in nomination the name of W. W. Rockhill, the unanimous choice of the caucus."

Mr. Ab. Kelly, of Waterloo, in a short speech, placed the name of General L. J. Blair, of Waterloo, in nomination. Mr. Blair at once arose and addressing the chair said: "I am not a candidate and respectfully decline."

Mr. Herman Krueger, of Kendallville, was then placed in nomination. No other candidates were proposed. The convention then proceeded to the election of a state central committeeman, and the roll of the delegates was taken by counties *viva voce* vote, and resulted as follows:

COUNTIES.	ROCKHILL.	KRUEGER.
Allen	38	
DeKalb	8	8
Lagrange	3½	3½
Noble		11
Steuben	8	
Whitley	5½	5½
Total	63	28

Chairman Freygang announced the vote and declared W. W. Rockhill duly elected. On motion of Herman Krueger, of Kendallville, the election of Mr. Rockhill was made unanimous.

Mr. Montgomery Hamilton then introduced a resolution laudatory of the democratic party, upholding the principles adopted by the last democratic national convention, endorsing the administration of Grover Cleveland and declaring that it was the sense of the democrats of the Twelfth district in convention assembled, that the ex-president should be renominated.

Mr. Henry Colerick was opposed to that portion of the resolution calling for the re-nomination of ex-President Cleveland, claiming it would be poor policy for the democrats of this district to bind themselves to any candidate so early in the campaign. While he acknowledged the great ability of Mr. Cleveland, recognized the cleanliness and patriotism of his administration and the high respect in which he was held by the masses of the democratic party, still, he thought it would be impolitic for the convention to demand his re-nomination when there were so many good and grand democratic leaders in the country who desired and sought the highest office within the gift of the American people. He was supported in this stand by Mr. Henry Berghoff and several others. After considerable debate this clause in the resolution was stricken out, and the resolution was then passed

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Hon. J. M. Barrett addressed the convention and offered the following preamble and resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Believing that it will be an honor to all the people of Indiana to have the coming democratic national convention held at the city of Indianapolis, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the democracy of the Twelfth district in convention assembled extend to the democrats of Indianapolis their greeting and earnest wishes for success in their efforts to secure for their city said convention, hereby pledging to them their cordial co operation and support. And,

WHEREAS, It is the sense of the democracy of the Twelfth congressional district that the democratic state convention should be held in different parts of the state in the future, and not exclusively in one city as in the past, and that such a change will be to the advantage and welfare of the whole party by bringing all its members from time to time into touch with the wordings of its party conventions, therefore, be it

Resolved, That W. W. Rockhill, the member of the state central committee from this district, be and he is hereby instructed to make every honorable effort to secure the holding of the next democratic state convention at Fort Wayne.

The following motion was next introduced and carried: "It is moved that ten representative democrats of Fort Wayne and five of each of the other counties of the district, be appointed by the several county chairmen, to go to Indianapolis and urge the state democratic central committee to select Fort Wayne as the place for the holding of the next state convention."

This motion was carried by a unanimous vote and there being no further business of importance, the convention adjourned.

TWO COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

In pursuance to a resolution passed by the democratic district convention of the Twelfth congressional district, at Fort Wayne, on the 8th of January, authorizing and requesting the chairman of the county democratic central committee to appoint citizens of Allen county to assist Mr. W. W. Rockhill, member of the democratic state central committee, in procuring the democratic state convention to be held at Fort Wayne, I hereby appoint for that purpose, Messrs. Charles McCulloch, John C. Peters, P. A. Randall, P. S. O'Rourke, James M. Barrett, Henry Colerick, F. J. Hayden, H. C. Berghoff, C. A. Zollinger and S. M. Foster.

The first meeting of the new democratic state central committee will be held at Indianapolis on January 20. The above named gentlemen are requested to accompany Mr. Rockhill to that meeting, and exert their influence for the purpose above stated, and to make such efforts and adopt such measure at all other times as they may deem best to procure said state convention to be held at Fort Wayne.

ALLEN ZOLLANS,
Chairman of the County Democratic Central committee.

THE DEKALB DELEGATES.

The chairman of the democratic central committee of DeKalb county appointed the following well known democrats to meet at Indianapolis with the democratic central committee to urge the claims of Fort Wayne: Ab. Kelly, Samuel S. Shutt, H. N. Coffinberry, E. R. Shoemaker and Arthur Aldridge.

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The above extracts, while not all that THE SENTINEL had to say on this subject, are sufficient to show the untruthfulness of Mr. Rockhill's charge, and we must apologize to our readers for having taken up so much space in replying to his blatterings. We would not have done so had he not resorted to untruth to place THE SENTINEL in a false attitude toward having the democratic state convention held in Fort Wayne this year. Perhaps the principal cause of the losing of the convention to Fort Wayne was that the Journal advocated holding it in this city. Some men's support is worse than their opposition. This may be true in the case of the Journal.

THURSDAY, JAN. 28, 1892.

ATTENTION, DEMOCRATS.

The democratic county central committee is requested to meet at the court house, in the room of the county commissioners, on Saturday, February 6, at 1 o'clock p. m. Business of importance presents itself and it is important that every member of the committee be present. ALLEN ZOLLARS, Chairman.

W. W. ROCKHILL, Secretary.

The Democratic County Convention.

In the room of the county commissioners yesterday afternoon the members of democratic county central committee held their first meeting of the campaign year.

It was an enthusiastic and representative assembly with quite a number of the democratic leaders on the floor.

The manner of choosing delegates was discussed and the primary vote, the St. Joe township plan and the Milan township plan were discussed, but the meeting voted down all departures from the old delegate system.

Mr. Rockhill, the district committeeman, explained that the state committee urged and advised an early campaign in all the counties and accordingly moved that the delegates to the state convention and the delegates to the county convention be chosen April 8, and that the county convention be held the following day, April 9.

Mr. H. C. Berghoff and the chairman, Judge Allen Zollars explained the necessity of prompt organization and as the state convention to be held April 21, precipitated an early campaign, it left us no alternative but to close up the ranks and prepare for battle.

Mr Rockhill's motion prevailed by the unanimous vote of the meeting and if all are agreed it may yet be possible to elect the joint senatorial and congressional delegates on the date named.

County central committeemen will also be selected April 8.

Judge Zollars in closing the meeting made an eloquent and spirited address He congratulated the old committee on its glorious work in the last campaign and in doing so said that it was his leave taking for under no consideration could he again serve as chairman even though it was offered him. He pointed out that Indiana was the battle ground of the presidential contest this year or with the new western states the republicans could succeed without New York, providing they carried Indiana.

He referred to the organization of clubs in the city and asked the county committeemen to form clubs in every one of the twenty townships, to get the young men into them and to prepare for a battle that will bring to the democracy a grand and lasting victory.

The judge was freely applauded and his remarks had a splendid effect.

FOR CONGRESS.

The Nomination to Be Made April 26.

Kendallville Wins the Honor Again on the Third Ballot.

Prominent Democrats Present From All Over the District and the Best of Feeling Prevailed on All Sides.

In response to an official call the democratic county central committeemen of the Twelfth district met at the Wayne hotel yesterday afternoon.

Mr. W. W. Rockhill, the district chairman, presided and stated the object of the meeting was to fix the time and name the place for holding the congressional convention.

Mr. D. A. Fawcett, of the Lagrange *Democrat*, was chosen secretary, and a roll call showed all the counties, save DeKalb, represented as follows: Allen Zollars, Allen; O. L. Ballou, Lagrange; W. S. Kiser, Noble; Herman Fregang, Steuben; S. B. Kaler, Whitley.

In order to get the sense of the meeting Judge Zollars suggested April 20 as the date of the congressional convention. The candidates were all agreed on that date, but when it was found that it would inconvenience the newspaper publishers of the district, Mr. Ballou suggested Tuesday, April 26, as the date and it was unanimously agreed to.

It was further resolved to convene the convention at 2 o'clock.

Judge Zollars moved that the convention be held at Fort Wayne, Mr. Fregang suggested Angola and Mr. Kiser named Kendallville.

It took three ballots to determine the choice and Kendallville won. Fort Wayne only received Judge Zollars vote, on the first ballot. Ballou and Fregang voted for Angola on the second ballot, and on the third Ballou, Kiser and Kaler voted for Kendallville.

This concluded the business of the meeting and an adjournment was taken

There were present from abroad as guests of the meeting: Hon. W. F. McNagny, Sheriff McNabb and H. C. Pressler, of Columbia City; ex-Postmaster John Smith, of Kendallville; Editor D. A. Fawcett, of of Lagrange, Judge Powers, of Angola, and from this city Judge O. M. Dawson, Hon. Robt. Lowry, Col. C. A. Zollinger, Supt. P. S. O'Rourke, Hon. R. C. Bell, Mr. J. M. Robinson, Mr. S. M. Foster, Mr. T. E. Ellison, Mr. Henry Colerick, Mr. Christian Boseker, Mr. Herman Berghoff and others.

A SOLDIER LEADS.

Col. C. A. Zollinger is the Chairman of the County Central Committee—The Meeting Yesterday.

The democratic county central committee met yesterday for organization.

Only two townships were not represented when Hon. Allen Zollars called the meeting to order.

Two names—Christian Boseker and Col. C. A. Zollinger—were presented for chairman. Mr. Boseker stated that the acquisition of recent contracts to erect two public buildings, rendered his acceptance impossible and he declined to be a candidate. Colonel Zollinger was then chosen chairman by acclamation

Mr W. W. Rockhill, of THE JOURNAL, was elected secretary in spite of the fact that he stated that he was not a candidate. The vote stood: W. W Rockhill 22, P. W. Schaden, 11, Joseph Hanna, 5

Mr. Fred C. Boltz was elected treasurer, the vote standing: Boltz, 27, Mr. Gaffney 13; Mr. Doehrman, 2 Mr. Doehrman, however, was not a candidate. The contested cases from the second ward were referred to a committee consisting of Dr. J. L. Smith of Madison township, Robt. Shirley, of Maumee, John W. Vorderemark, F. C. Boltz and Phillip Lindlag, city.

Mr. Shaw was elected committeeman from the Tenth ward to fill the vacancy.

Allen the Banner County.

As usual, Allen is the banner democratic county, giving over half of that party's majority to the state Cleveland carried the county by 1 521, the largest majority ever given a candidate by any Indiana county. W. W. Rockhill, the secretary of the county committee, who was in the city yesterday, naturally felt proud of the result. Mr. Rockhill is the business manager of THE FORT WAYNE JOURNAL, one of the first papers in the state to come out for Cleveland last spring.

Indianapolis Sentinel Nov 26/92

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A Call for the Election of Delegates to the State Congressional, County and Joint Senatorial Conventions, and the Election of a County Central Committee.

The Democrats of Allen County are requested to meet on Friday, the 8th day of April, 1892, at the usual places for holding primary elections in the several townships and wards for the purpose of electing by ballot 183 delegates to attend the county convention to be held in the city of Fort Wayne Saturday, the 9th day of April 1892 which convention will meet for the purpose of nominating three representatives to the General Assembly, Sheriff Treasurer, Prosecutor for the 38th Judicial circuit, Coroner Surveyor, one commissioner from the first district and one county assessor.

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Jefferson	6	Jackson	3
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Madison	7	Marion	6
Maumee	3	Milan	6
Monroe	8	Perry	6
Pleasant	7	Springfield	6
Scipio	3	St. Joseph	8
Washington	6	New Haven	7
Wayne	6		

CITY OF FORT WAYNE

Wards	Del	Wards	Del.
First	6	Sixth	6
Second	7	Seventh	6
Third	6	Eighth	9
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Only two towoships were not represented when Hon. Allen Zollars called the meeting to order.

Two names—Christian Boseker and Col. C. A. Zollinger—were presented for chairman. Mr. Boseker stated that the acquisition of recent contracts to erect two public buildings, rendered his acceptance impossible and he declined to be a candidate. Colonel Zollinger was then chosen chairman by acclamation.

Mr. W. W. Rockhill, of THE JOURNAL, was elected secretary in spite of the fact that he stated that he was not a candidate. The vote stood: W. W. Rockhill, 22; P. W. Schaden, 14; Joseph Hanna, 5.

Mr. Fred C. Boltz was elected treasurer, the vote standing: Boltz, 27; Mr. Gaffney 13; Mr. Dochman, 2. Mr. Dochman, however, was not a candidate. The contested cases from the second ward were referred to a committee consisting of Dr. J. L. Smith of Madison township, Robt. Shirley, of Maumee, John W. Vordermark, F. C. Boltz and Phillip Lindlag, city.

Mr. Shaw was elected committeeman from the Tenth ward to fill the vacancy.

Allen the Banner County.

As usual, Allen is the banner democratic county, giving over half of that party's majority to the state. Cleveland carried the county by 1,524, the largest majority ever given a candidate by any Indiana county. W. W. Rockhill, the secretary of the county committee, who was in the city yesterday, naturally felt proud of the result. Mr. Rockhill is the business manager of THE FORT WAYNE JOURNAL, one of the first papers in the state to come out for Cleveland last spring.

Democrat & Sentinel Nov 26 1892

ATTENTION, DEMOCRATS.

A Call for the Election of Delegates to the State, Congressional, County and Joint Senatorial Conventions, and the Election of a County Central Committee.

The Democrats of Allen County are requested to meet on Friday, the 8th day of April, 1892, at the usual places for holding primary elections in the several townships and wards, for the purpose of electing by ballot 183 delegates to attend the county convention to be held in the city of Fort Wayne, Saturday, the 9th day of April 1892, which convention will meet for the purpose of nominating three representatives to the General Assembly, Sheriff, Treasurer, Prosecutor for the 38th Judicial circuit, Coroner, Surveyor, one commissioner from the first district and one county assessor.

In said convention the townships and wards will be entitled to the following number of delegates:

Tps.	Del.	Tps.	Del.
Aboite	4	Adams	4
Cedar Creek	6	Eel River	4
Jefferson	6	Jackson	3
Lake	5	Lafayette	5
Madison	7	Marion	6
Maumee	3	Milan	6
Monroe	8	Perry	6
Pleasant	7	Springfield	5
Scipio	3	St. Joseph	8
Washington	6	New Haven	7
Wayne	6		

CITY OF FORT WAYNE.

Wards.	Del.	Wards	Del.
First	6	Sixth	6
Second	7	Seventh	6
Third	6	Eighth	4
Fourth	6	Ninth	6
Fifth	8	Tenth	6

At the same time and place you are requested to elect in the same manner 18 delegates to attend the State Convention to be held at Indianapolis on the 21st day of April 1892, for the purpose of nominating State officers.

In said convention the townships of Aboite, Cedar Creek, Eel River, Jefferson, Jackson, Lake, Lafayette, Madison, Maumee, Milan, Marion, Perry, Pleasant, Springfield, Scipio, St. Joseph, Washington, and New Haven will be entitled to one (1) delegate each.

The Townships of Adams, Monroe, and Wayne, together with the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Seventh, Ninth and Tenth Wards will be entitled to two (2) delegates each.

The Fifth and Sixth Wards will be entitled to three (3) delegates each.

The Eighth Ward will be entitled to four (4) delegates.

At the same time and place you are requested to elect in the same manner 8 delegates to attend the democratic Congressional Convention, to be held at Kendallville on the 20th day of April, 1892. The apportionment of delegates in the several townships and wards will be the same as that of the state convention.

At the same time and place you are requested to elect in the same manner 18 delegates to attend the joint (Allen and Whitley counties) Senatorial convention. (The time and place of holding said convention will be announced hereafter.) The apportionment of delegates in the several townships and wards will be the same as that of the state convention.

You are also requested in the manner to elect a county central committee to serve during the ensuing two years. Each township and ward will be entitled to the number of committeemen as below stated:

The townships of Aboite, Cedar Creek, Eel River, Jefferson, Jackson, Lake, Lafayette, Madison, Marion, Maumee, Milan, Monroe, Perry, Springfield, Scipio, St. Joseph and New Haven will be entitled to one (1) committeeman each.

The townships of Adams, Pleasant, Washington, Wayne and the ten wards in the city will be entitled two (2) committeemen each.

The members of the county central committee in the several townships and wards will cause the polls to be opened in the several townships and New Haven precinct at 2 o'clock p. m. and cause them to be kept open until 5 o'clock p. m., except Wayne township, where the polls shall be opened at 3 o'clock p. m., and kept open until 5 o'clock p. m., and in the respective wards of the city the polls shall be opened at 1 o'clock p. m. and kept open until 7 o'clock p. m.

ALLEN ZOLLARS, Chairman.
W. W. ROCKHILL, Secretary.

Democratic Congressional Convention.

The delegates to the Democratic Congressional Convention for the Twelfth Congressional District of Indiana are hereby notified and requested to meet on Tuesday, the 20th day of April 1892 at 2 o'clock p. m., in the city of Kendallville, Ind., for the purpose of nominating a Democratic Congressional candidate for said district to be voted for at the election. The apportionment of delegates in said convention will be based upon the vote cast for Cleveland in 1888, and will be one delegate for every 200 votes so cast, and one delegate for every fraction over 100, and the apportionment by counties then forth is as follows:

Allen	48	Lagrange	8
DeKalb	16	Steuben	7
Noble	18		
Whitley	12	Total	106

W. W. ROCKHILL
Ex-Chairman Democratic Twelfth Congressional Committee.

Ballots For Delegates To The Democratic Conventions.

To the Democrats of Allen County:

By reason of the large number of delegates to be elected on the 8th of April to the different conventions, and by reason of the liability of confusion in voting for the several delegates on one ticket, the candidates for the various offices and positions have agreed that each set of delegates shall as nearly as possible, be voted for upon separate tickets. By virtue of these agreements, and the authority vested in me as Chairman of the County Democratic Central Committee, it is ordered and directed that all delegates to the County Convention, the members of the County Central Committee, and delegates to the joint senatorial convention shall be voted for on one ticket of white paper.

There shall be printed or written on said tickets below the county delegates, the words "Members of the County Central Committee," leaving each voter at liberty to write the name or names of such committeemen as he may choose.

And still below, the words, "Delegates to the joint-senatorial convention," leaving each voter to write in the names of such delegates as he may choose.

It is further ordered that delegates to the congressional convention shall be voted for on a separate ticket, which shall be of blue paper.

It is further ordered that delegates to the state convention shall be voted for on a separate ticket of red paper. Where the blue and red tickets are so furnished and used, votes for congressional and state delegates, upon other tickets, will not be counted. Neither will votes for delegates to the county convention be counted unless they are upon the white ticket herein designated.

These orders will not apply to townships and wards where the separate tickets for state and congressional delegates are not furnished at the place of voting, and before the voting commences. In such townships and wards the voters will adopt such method of electing the several delegates, as to them may seem best.

March 11, 1892.

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SHORT AND SWEET.

Hon. Wm. F. McNagny Leads.

Herald Journal April 27, 1892

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Hon. Thomas R Marshall, of Columbia City, nominated Hon. J. M. Barrett for chairman, and the convention approved the motion by a unanimous vote. When Senator Barrett stepped onto the platform he was warmly greeted, and after bowing his thanks said:

GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION.—I desire at first to express to you my sincere thanks for the honor which you have conferred upon me this day While I deem it a badge of honor to be known and called a democrat, I especially deem it a distinguished compliment to be called upon to preside at a congressional district convention of the gallant democracy of the Twelfth congressional district of Indiana And while it is not my purpose to make you a speech to day I could not if I would, refrain from congratulating you that you belong to the party of Jefferson and Jackson, of Madison and Monroe, of McClellan and Hancock, of Tilden and Hendricks, and of that courageous and glorious statesman Grover Cleveland (applause) I congratulate you that you do not belong to that party, which was begotten of a single issue, brought forth in the travail of Civil war, and having accomplished its single purpose, has been left without force or purpose, other than to exist by dint of public plunder (great applause), that you do belong to a party whose foundation stones have been laid deep and broad upon the solid rocks of the people's rights; that you belong to a party whose history goes back to the nation's birth and has been replete with courageous efforts and illustrious achievements in endeavors to aid the toiling masses against the corroding object of the protected few; that you belong to a party that has not been followed by that political and economical heresy that a man may be made rich by taking his food, his clothing, or the implements of his industry; that you do belong to that historical party, which, while it has gone down through the valley of defeat it has withstood the storms of time and to-day stands on the sunlit hills of the people's confidence, and will, I believe, in November next, overcome those of that great temple of greed and power (great applause) As democrats I believe that unnecessary taxation is unjust, that every dollar which is filched from the pockets of the people more than is necessary to pay the legitimate expenses of the government economically administered, is legalized robbery We believe further, my friends, that the democratic party is now, as it has been, the party of the people, and for the peo-

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Dr. Parker nominated Editor J. A. Barnes, of the Auburn *Courier*, for secretary and Editor J. E. McDonald, of the Ligonier *Banner*, and Editor J. A. Lutz, of the Garrett *Clipper*, for assistant secretaries.

Judge C. M. Dawson was the first to rise and nominated the Hon. J. M. Robinson as the candidate of the young democracy, and he paid a glowing tribute to the life and character of his friend. He traced him from the pioneer fireside, through the work shops, through his years as a student, through his career as public prosecutor and as the candidate of the Allen county democracy for congress. Mr. Robinson's name was cheered to the echo, but when Mr. Marshall, of Columbia City, rose to nominate Mr. McNagny, the Whitley county candidate received an ovation. Mr. Marshall said

I greet you, gentlemen of this convention, the immortals. Where your footsteps follow there comes liberty and freedom to the people, and when your footsteps go down in defeat, there comes loss and ruin and desolation to the people. I met with you in this convention four years ago, when the democratic party was in power. I see you now the same democracy. A few months are gone by, a few years have silver threads in the hair of some of you, and some of you are beneath the sod. But still to day you are as you were in the days of Jefferson, the democratic party. I say here and now I greet you, and so long as freedom shall be implanted in the hearts of humanity—as long as truth and justice and right and God shall reign—the democratic party shall be the party of the people (Applause). I am here to day from a small county—a county which has never been represented upon the state ticket, nor upon the congressional ticket, but which has forever stood behind Allen, and has given to the people of the state of Indiana for labors, votes and an unfaltering democratic majority. (Applause.) There are men around whom counties rather and there are men who break the plans of counties in their congressional districts and there I am. I am here, gentlemen, to place in nomination a man who is larger than his county. (Great applause.) I am here to place in nomination a man who, for sixteen long years, in every battlet, in every school district of the Twelfth congressional district, has fought the battles of the democracy. (Great applause.) I am here to place in nomination a man who, when he went down into the valley of the shadow of defeat four years ago lifted his smiling face and worked with a will for the interests of the democratic party. I am here to-day for that same man and pledge you that come weal come woe, he will stand by the democratic party and by the democratic people. (Great applause). Gentlemen of the convention I charge it against nobody and against no man, but this candidate of mine comes on to-day in the fuller confidence and sympathy of his people than he came four years ago, if that were possible and against whom, all slings and jeers and obliquy will fall as dew falls from bronze. And there is no man who dare or can say aught against his character or reputation as a citizen, as man, or as a democrat. He is capable of leading the Twelfth congressional district to victory. Gentlemen I am not here asking favors at your hands. I am asking at the hands of this convention that you do that thing which means for us victory. Victory. Do you believe that I do not appreciate the conduct and the reputation of the gentlemen from Allen—the fact that Allen is the banner democratic county of Indiana. And it will not be said to me when William F. McNagny—

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Mr. Geo. P. Gordon nominated Mr. O'Rourke, and Capt. Eugene B. Smith said, as a neighbor and political friend of Mr. O'Rourke, he was authorized to withdraw his name.

This created something of a sensation, and it had a tendency to solidify the out side counties against Allen.

The ballot proceeded, Allen county announced 44 votes for Mr. Robinson, 3 for Mr. McNagny, and 1 not voting. Mr. Smith, of Lake township, did not vote, and Messrs. Finan and Tillman, of Monroe township, and Mr. Noonan, of Perry, voted for Mr. McNagny.

Mr. Robinson received 5 votes from DeKalb county, making 49 in all, as against 56 for McNagny, who carried the outside counties solid except DeKalb, and they cast enough votes to nominate him.

Of course, the convention broke into cries for the nominee, and the friends and supporters of the Whitley county statesman were wild with joy. When the convention spent its force and settled down again, Mr. Robinson, in a graceful and pleasant way, complimented his successful opponent and his method of campaign, and promised him a royal support. He said in closing:

GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION: I promise you for the people of Allen county an increased majority (applause), and if the people outside of Allen will do as we will, then Mr. McNagny will have a majority larger that has been returned in this district heretofore. (Great applause.) On behalf of my friends in Allen who gave me a magnificent and strong support and on behalf of the generous friends on the outside and the generous political enemies, I move my friends, that the nomination of Mr McNagny be made unanimous

There were wild calls for Mr. McNagny, and his appearance was the signal for a great outburst of applause. He said:

GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION: I have not sufficient words at my command to express the deep and sincere thanks for the honor which you have this day conferred upon me. I feel that I could show a due appreciation of the honor in no better way than to pledge that I will to the utmost of my ability support the democratic principles throughout this district during the ensuing campaign. And I promise you that with might and main I will carry the democratic banner into every school district of this congressional district, emulating the principles so eloquently dilineated by the chairman of this convention in his opening address to you. I need not detain you long. What he has said are the principles upon which the party is based. The outlines have been laid down by him and I can say to you that I will follow them with might and main. Now my generous opponent, Mr. Robinson, has alluded to the fact that this has been a generous and gentlemanly campaign. I thank God for it. Mr. Robinson and myself have not found it necessary in the fire, Mr. O'Rourke, so far as my knowledge extends, to carry this contest to what the bounds of the utmost friendliness and good faith towards one another, and I am glad now and it is no pleasure to say that we can be candidates for the nomination of our respective political state conventions and conduct. There can be no friction because we are under no obligation. I feel that I need not detain you any longer upon this occasion. Generous democrats from the Twelfth congressional district, again I thank you

Two Other Conventions.

After the congressional convention two other conventions were held. J. E. McDonald, of the Leader *Banner*, was nominated for joint senator between Noble and DeKalb counties, defeating Fred Horn Kelly.

Mr Lon D. Fleming was nominated for prosecuting attorney for Whitley and Noble counties.

44 Journal Dec 17, 1872

'TWAS JOYOUS.

The Democratic County Central Committee Meets:

Chairman Zollinger and Secretary Rockhill Handsomely Complimented—The State Committee To Be Supported.

The Allen county democratic committee held its first meeting since the election yesterday afternoon.

There was a very large attendance and every member had his broadest smile with him.

The members exchanged congratulations as they gathered in the commissioner's court

Colonel Zollinger, the leader of many victories, was in good humor although his fierce military moustache pointed to war.

In calling the committee to order he stated that it was at the request of the state central committee, and Secretary Rockhill read a letter from Chairman Taggart, who urges the local committee to maintain their organization, and, with this end in view, he had committee meetings in all the counties of the state yesterday. The state committee asks the co operation of the local committees, and in accordance with the spirit of the communication, Mr. Rockhill introduced this resolution:

WHEREAS, The democratic state central committee has resolved to maintain its headquarters at Indianapolis to continue the campaign of education and promote the cause of good government. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the democratic central committee of Allen county indorses and commends this departure and directs the chairman to appoint a sub-committee to co-operate, as directed, with the state committee in promoting its plans and fulfilling its desires.

This was adopted, and in the future the chairman will name the committee.

At this point, Dr. J. L. Smith arose and complimented the members of the committee on their work. "We all did something towards the grand victory," said Dr. Smith, "but some did more than others, and to our officers and public speakers great honor is due. I ask permission, Mr. Chairman, to introduce this resolution:"

WHEREAS, The late election resulted in a victory for the people, and the democratic party, and better still it was a triumph for honest and good government over dishonesty, extravagance and a shameless use of money, and,

WHEREAS, The democracy of Allen county contributed largely and materially to this magnificent result, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the democratic central committee of Allen county presents a kindly greeting to the democracy of the state and as well its congratulations. Be it, further,

Resolved, That this committee tenders to its officers and, outside of its ranks, to the gentlemen who contributed so much to the success of the campaign, its sincere thanks. Continued over,

Especially is the committee grateful to its chairman, Colonel Zollinger, and the secretary, Mr. Rockhill, for their zeal, their fervor and their constant and commendable devotion to the work of the campaign; this, too, at the sacrifice of time and money and their private business interests, and the committee feels that not a little of the success of the campaign is due to their efforts and intelligent direction of affairs.

J. L. SMITH,
Committeeman.
Madison township, Allen county, Indiana

The resolution was adopted by a unanimous and rising vote, and after Colonel Zollinger and Mr Rockhill thanked their friends for the testimony of appreciation, Mr Schaden, one of the hard workers of the campaign, made a lively address, and the committee adjourned, subject to the chairman's call.

and Martin Spencer.

Labor Herald Dec 15/92

PAROLED OUT.

The Division That Has Been Made in the Event of Democratic Success.

While many of the local Democratic leaders are hoping for a share of the loaves and fishes in case of Democratic success, they will be sadly disappointed, for the clique which controls these things have already settled that they will keep all the good things among themselves, if by any hook or crook success should come to their candidates. A secret meeting of the bosses was held in Democratic committee headquarters a few evenings ago, at which time it was agreed that Wright Rockhill should have the postoffice, while the *Journal* clique, (in order to pacify Editor Andy, who promised to become belligerent unless he was noticed), should control all federal appointments throughout the district. The taxpayers of Allen county, who have been so long oppressed by this clique, must certainly relish such an outlook. Yet this is the program, and a vote for the Democratic candidates means a vote to sanction it.

HI, THERE, ROCKHILL.

The Journal Clique Likely to Have Opposition for Postmaster.

Prior to the election, Secretary Rockhill thought that in the event of Democratic success he would have a walkaway for the postoffice, but no sooner had the result been determined until a mighty host arose to dispute with the *Journal* clique and told Mr. Rockhill that they would contest every inch of the ground with him—aye, that they would walk all over him if necessary in order to secure the office. The Evening *Sentinel* announces that there are no less than fourteen candidates for the postoffice, with not all the precincts heard from. Of course, Martin Van Buren Spencer bobs up serenely, while Charley Munson thinks that his distinguished services should be recognized. Then there is Otto Herbst, "ex-Police Commissioner" Gayle, "Billy" Meyer, Henry Berghoff, M. M. Thompson, Colonel Zollinger, "Billy" Kaough and numerous other lesser lights, while even J. M. Barrett is credited with casting an anxious optic in that direction, though the latter named person is certainly entitled to something better than that.

Whoever the new postmaster may be, he will not find an easy life, for an even hundred employes in the Bass shops have been promised positions on the letter carrier force, and they, together with another hundred from different parts of the city, intend to insist that the postmaster keep the pledges.

The fight has already grown warm, and it waxes more and more so, and will continue for the next four years.

Not this coming Christmas, but next one thereafter, will Wright Rockhill find the postmastership in his stocking.

Ft. Wayne Sentinel Dec 26/92

Five Predictions.

EDITOR SENTINEL:

Please publish the following predictions:

1. That the people of Fort Wayne will have no say in the appointment of postmaster.

2nd. That the office was promised to someone and by someone, thirty-one days before the democratic congressional nomination at Kendallville.

3. That the Journal crowd will get the plum.

4. That Mr. McNagny will serve one term in congress.

5. That the lucky man will be named next week. Yours,

OLD PROBABILITIES.

Ft. Wayne Sentinel Dec 30/92

THE Ligonier Leader says that Congressman-elect McNagny is in favor of disposing of the postoffices in this district by election, the democrats to do the voting. It is not probable that this is intended to apply to the Fort Wayne postoffice, for the bargain said to have been made by the Journal ring prior to the nominating convention will prevent that.—Gazette.

It will be seen in a very few days whether Mr. McNagny did make a bargain with the Journal for the postoffice. One thing, we do know that the democrats of Fort Wayne are not in favor of the Journal having this office, and if Mr. McNagny doubts this all he has to do is to leave it to a vote of the democracy of Fort Wayne. We hope he will allow the democrats of this city some say in this matter and not permit one set of men to run him and his office.

Sunday Times Jan 2/93

There is a dead calm in the postmastership race. Prof. Ungemach is working, but he is conceded to be a dead cock in the pit. Billy Meyer seems to have the upper hand at present, while Rockhill's friends are equally confident. Meantime Col. Higgins smiles complacently.

La Grange Democrat Jany 5 1893

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Weekly Sentinel Jany 6/93

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Monday Morning Times Jany 9/93 Fort-Shorb Editor

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The NEWS is led to the above remarks by a peculiar condition of things existing in certain districts of Indiana this year. For the first time within our recollection, there seems to be a disposition on the part of many congressmen to shirk the duty of making selections for appointments under the public service. Representatives Conn, of Elkhart, and Martin, of the Eleventh district, have ordered elections for postmasters in many places, and by that act have not only shown themselves to be afraid to perform a very plain, though possibly unpleasant duty but have also exhibited a lack of interest in securing the best men for the filling of public office under their contr[illegible]. It is not true that the [illegible] popular man in the community will make the best postmaster, although it may be true that the best postmaster a city can get, will be the most popular man after he has demonstrated his fitness. Hence, we declare it is far better that the congressman in each district should, after securing a consensus of opinion from leading citizens, boldly announce the name of the man he has chosen as best qualified and best entitled to his endorsement.

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This discussion leads up quite naturally to the question, "Upon whom are the chances of selection most likely to fall?" And we answer, without hesitation, that, all things being equal, and he being a candidate, the newspaper man should have first consideration for local appointment. Why? For many reasons. The very nature of his calling requires a degree of intelligence equal to the demands of the appointment he seeks. The same cause makes it impossible for him to leave his home to accept minor appointments that others can take without hardship. He is deserving of consideration, because, if he is a newspaper man worthy his vocation, he is engaged in and out of season in building up the interests of his locality. He is entitled to first consideration at the hands of his party, because, while he may be no better democrat or republican than his neighbor, yet his entire effort is put forth in his party's behalf, and no one but an editor or publisher knows what that means; in dollars and cents; in the loss of friendships and the enforced banquets of crow. The NEWS cannot express its full contempt for the fellow, who, after the campaign is over and the battle of his party is fought and won, crawls out of the hole where he has been hiding during all the fight, and takes his place in the front rank at the ratification and then tries to crowd himself between the battle-scarred editor—who has had the brunt of the fight all through—and the office to which he aspires.

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Leaving the newspaper phase out of the question, there are few people outside of the "ring" who can find any excuse for Mr. Rockhill's candidacy, except a chronic desire to hold office. The TIMES was told that Rockhill "has a cinch;" cooked, dried long ago and that it was all over except the shouting. That may be, but the TIMES is loth to believe that Mr. McNagny is so short sighted as to have allowed himself to be caught in a trap like that. Mr. McNagny must know that while the democratic party of this district is controlled by a small coterie of office holders and office seekers, they do not own it. Mr. McNagny does not agree with the News that the people do not know what they want and should not be humored. He believes that they knew what they wanted when they nominated and elected him, and he is doubtless very well satisfied with their choice. These same voters who elected him would scarcely vote for him again if they knew he had been a party to a scheme to dispose of the plums regardless of their wishes. The politicians want Mr. Rockhill, the people don't and if the choice of the people was left to the ballot box, Billy Meyer would defeat the "newspaper man" two to one. This article, it might not be out of place to say, is not written in the interest of Mr. Meyer, although he is the TIMES choice, but it is written simply as a protest to the alleged proposed scheme to keep the good things in the political family of which Mr. Rockhill is a member. As has been stated before in these columns, the TIMES has no personal animosity against Mr. Rockhill, but it is constrained to ask of him as the Chicago Herald once asked of Carter Harrison, what debt does the party owe him?

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There is a ruction in the Sandwich islands. Without going into particulars, it is a repetition of the old political story; two parties want to boss and there is only room for one. As a result, the queen Liliuokalini is bounced, and a syndicate has the government. A commission is en route to this country to ask that we annex it. This provides for at least two senators and several postmasters. In such event our own McNagny might collar the 'steen horns of the dilemma here, and provide the necessary timber to fill the latter named offices. The climate, at least the TIMES imagines, would be beneficial to our friend Rockhill.

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M'NAGNY IN TOWN.

He Tells The Sentinel That He is Not Pledged.

He Also Says That the Postmastership Will Not be Voted for—No Choice Made Today.

Congressman-elect McNagny was expected to arrive in this city yesterday noon, but did not reach here until 9 o'clock this morning. When it was learned that he was at the Wayne hotel there was some tall hustling among local politicians. The first man to reach the ear of the much sought after gentleman was Mr P. J. Fallon, who occupied the inner circle for a few moments, and then made room for a SENTINEL representative.

"Mr McNagny, are you over to chose a new postmaster for the Fort Wayne office? was the first question asked by the scribe.

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That air-tight-lead-pipe-cinch on the postmastership, seems to be slowly but steadily growing more intangible. Mr. Rockhill's friends, and he has many, no longer wear that got-you-where-the-hair's-short air and are beginning to realize that there are other democrats in Fort Wayne who are entitled to recognition, besides the little coterie over which Mr. R. presides. Even editor Andy's usually serene brow is occasionally clouded and contracted, as he deeply meditates on what in the d—l to do next. Mr. McNagny will be in the city this week and he has the TIMES' sincerest sympathy. He will be besieged by a small army who will alternately laud and damn him. The Rockhill forces are to be marshalled in a body to swoop down on the Whitley county statesman and if possible, impress him with the idea that the town is his, if he only recommends Rockhill. A little investigation on his own hook, however, will convince the honorable congressman that he could commit no graver error than by following such a course.

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A year ago a job lot of distasteful candidates were foisted on the people by the democratic wreckers and a natural result followed. The people refused to submit to the selection of the bosses and a landslide ensued by which seven out of ten republicans were seated in the council and the three democrats who were elected, had a combined majority of only 141 votes. The republican machine at Minneapolis last June ignored the expressed desire of the public and nominated Harrison for president. The sequel is well known. Harrison was sat down upon and squeezed out so thin, that politically he looked like a wafer. The TIMES predicted both the above results and it now predicts, that if Mr. McNagny ignores the voice of the rank and file of the democracy in making his recommendation for the Fort Wayne postmastership, the halls of congress will echo his voice for a single term only.

HAWAII.

There is a ruction in the Sandwich islands. Without going into particulars, it is a repetition of the old political story; two parties want to boss and there is only room for one. As a result, the queen Liliuokalani is bounced, and a syndicate has the government. A commission is en route to this country to ask that we annex it. This provides for at least two senators and several postmasters. In such event our own McNagny might collar the seven horns of the dilemma here, and provide the necessary timber to fill the latter named offices. The climate, at least the TIMES imagines, would be beneficial to our friend Rockhill.

CONGRESSMAN ELECT McNAGNY, in reply to the question as to how he will decide whom to recommend for postmaster of this city, is quoted as saying: "I will get the general opinion of the democracy of Fort Wayne as to who is the proper man." We know no better way, since Mr. McNagny has conceived in the same interview that "I can't talk to every one in Fort Wayne," for him to get this general opinion as to the proper man to select, than to let it be decided by a primary election among the democrats.

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M'NAGNY IN TOWN.

He Tells The Sentinel That He is Not Pledged.

He Also Says That the Postmastership Will Not be Voted for—No Choice Made Today.

Congressman elect McNagny was expected to arrive in this city yesterday noon, but did not reach here until 9 o'clock this morning. When it was learned that he was at the Wayne hotel there was some tall hustling among local politicians. The first man to reach the ear of the much sought after gentleman was Mr. P. J. Fallon, who occupied the inner circle for a few moments, and then made room for a SENTINEL representative.

"Mr. McNagny, are you over to chose a new postmaster for the Fort Wayne office? was the first question asked by the scribe.

"No, I am not," replied Mr. McNagny, "but I am here to look over the field and consult with the democracy with regard to appointments."

"Yes, but it has been said that the postoffice matter would be fixed up today. Is this a fact?"

"Most assuredly it is not. I will be in the city only until this evening and while here will listen to everything which is offered upon the subject. No selection or understanding will be reached with regard to the matter today, I assure you. I expect to be back to Fort Wayne some time next week but just now cannot say just what day."

"Will the matter be definitely settled then?"

"No, I do not think it will. I will want time to weigh all the points and make a careful study of the situation."

"Are you in favor of leaving the matter of a selection of postmaster to a vote of the party?"

"I am not. I think it will cause less friction and hard feelings for me to make the selection than it would if the choice were left to a vote. By the latter method certain combinations might be made which would result in a selection which would not be favorable. The matter will not be left to a vote, that is certain."

"How many candidates are there, Mr McNagny?"

"O, a good many."

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"Well, there are several. There is Prof Ungemach, Dr. Metcalf, W. W. Rockhill, M. V. B. Spencer, Alexander Martin, Milton N. Thompson, William Meyers jr., and one or two others."

"Has the office been pledged to any of these gentlemen?"

"Most assuredly, no! When I went into the campaign, I said to all those who approached me on such matters to wait until the election of Mr. Cleveland and then we would see about appointments. I made a fair, open fight, and in making the selection of postmaster will be guided by my honest judgment and will fear no criticism. As I said before, I stand unpledged to any candidate and can act as I see best."

"When do you leave for Washington, Mr McNagny?"

"I expect to start about the 20th of this month."

"The choice will be made before that date, will it not?"

"Possibly."

"Have you ever been asked to defer the selection of postmaster until some time after the first of May?"

"I believe that such a request was made."

"What is your opinion of the action of President Harrison in placing the free delivery post offices in the civil service lists?"

"I think the matter was untimely and will have to be looked after."

A few moments conversation upon general topics was indulged in and the SENTINEL representative withdrew.

Mr McNagny had no moments of leisure. No sooner had one visitor departed than another entered. Hon. E. C. Bell and Mayor Zollinger occupied his time from a quarter of eleven until nearly 1 o'clock. Others called to see him and at one time there were ten visitors waiting in the hotel lobby for an audience with the coming congressman.

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"Then you will not leave the decision to any kind of an election among the democrats?"

"No; I have no idea of any such thing."

"Will you consult the leading democrats and make your decision that way?"

"Every democrat is a leading democrat," said Mr. McNagny. "Every good democrat is as leading a democrat as every other one; but as I can't talk to everyone in Fort Wayne, I shall try and find out the choice of the majority. I will come to no definite decision today, and may not for a month to come, during which time I expect to be in this city at different times very often. I have not made up my mind as yet in regard to any of the other offices.

"One thing I will say, however, and that is, that if there are not enough democrats to fill the numerous places, I will most certainly call on some of the republicans to help us out; but at present I do not see any difficulty in that way." And Mr. McNagny glanced over the multitude and smiled a pensive smile.

"I have an engagement at home tonight and I will go home late this afternoon; but as I said, I expect to be here often."

Mr. McNagny was then asked what he thought concerning the appointment of a southern democrat to the supreme bench by President Harrison.

"Well," said the congressman, "I think, as I said to a newspaper man last evening, that the president realizes the fact that the situation is different in the south from that in the north, and that there are some smart democrats down there. This gave the impression that there were no brilliant democrats in the north, which the congressman hastened to obliterate, but without giving any explanation of the force of the remark. The reporter then tried to get in a question as to the gentleman's position on the silver question, but the crowd of importunate politicians had become so great that Mr. McNagny was carried off bodily to an upper chamber, where reporters are not admitted, and where the deep and dark political schemes are concocted.

Mr. McNagny will not attend the Wayne club reception this evening, on account of his engagements at Columbia City; but the few hours he spends here will no doubt prove fruitful.

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Sunday Times Feb 6/93

INTIMIDATION IN POLITICS.

Editor Andy is getting aroused again and something is likely to drop before long. Andy is ruminating, and when he ruminates his mercury goes up. That it will soon reach the boiling point is indicated by the following which appeared in the editorial columns of the TIMES' most esteemed cotemporary on Thursday:

Representative Dalman, of this county, voted in favor of the bill abolishing the publication of election tickets in the newspapers. Mr. Dalman would suppress newspapers if he could. The more people know about such men as Dalman the less they think of them, so, of course, he is in favor of making elections shady.

It will be seen that Mr. Dalman's sun has sot, so to speak, and Andy sot it. When the high browed editor of the Journal starts in to read a man out of the party, that man's a goner. Mr. Dalman voted to reduce an expense which is no longer necessary and the Journal forthwith writes him down an ass and a rogue. The printing of the election ballot in the newspapers was, for a time, a necessity. It was an educational measure to instruct voters in the Australian ballot system. It is not to be expected, however, that this school is to be maintained forever at an expense of nearly $150,000 per election. Everyone is now familiar with the law and the system and the high priced tuition fees need no longer be paid. Printing election tickets in newspapers at legal rates, is very fat picking to be sure, but the state is not an eleemosynary institution for the benefit of indignent or avaricious newspaper beneficiaries of the editor Andy pattern. Mr. Dalman was elected on a platform which pledged retrenchment, but as soon as he undertakes to fulfill his party's pledge the Journal jumps on his neck and writes him down. And this too from a paper which claims recognition from the government in the way of a federal appointment to the fattest position in the district. The "newspaper man," Andy's partner, demands the postmastership in consideration for services rendered the party, for which it was paid, and dearly too, in hard, cold cash, and then derides and abuses an elective officer who has the courage to vote his convictions to curtail an expense no longer necessary and which can be dignified only by the title of "a legal steal." Mr. Rockhill's organ does not stop here, but the TIMES has it on excellent authority, has threatened to bolt the ticket next year and "throw the soup into the party" if Mr. Rockhill fails of appointment. Here's a pretty mess, indeed, and one which congressman McNagny can profitably ponder over before making his recommendation.

Speaking of Mr. McNagny recalls the fact that that worthy dignitary was in the city a few hours last Friday and that his visit was not followed by that sense of security in the Rockhill camp as usually marks the surroundings of the successful adversary. He absolutely refused to commit himself, and notwithstanding the frantic efforts of the Journal cohorts to monopolize his attention its friends, the enemy, got in their work with neatness and dispatch. Mr. McNagny was made unmistakably aware of the fact that there is more than one Richmond in the field, and that of all the gladiators in the arena, Mr. Rockhill's lance is the weakest. He found the friends of Billy Meyer to the front with claims more material and arguments more potent, than any that Andy and his partner could produce. He found in Mr. Rockhill a man who had done a hundred fold less for his party than his party had done for him. He found in him a man who, since boyhood, has been in office or after one. He found in him a man whose cause was espoused by a sacred (and scared) few andantagonized by the masses. He found in him a man who demanded his pound of flesh to the minutest exactment and a man without the slightest suspicion of a just claim upon his party. In Mr. Meyer he found a man with scarcely an enemy and a legion of friends. He found a man who, by his own industry, worked his way from the bench to a high position in the commercial world of Fort Wayne. He found a man who has proven himself a successful and competent business man.

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He found a man whose name is a household word in every family in the city. He found a man whose democracy is staunch as an oak and who was never a democrat for revenue. He found a man who has stood at the front in every campaign since he was a boy and who has contributed hundreds and hundreds of dollars to his party's cause without even thought of reimbursment. He found a man who organized and held together the finest democratic club in Indiana and whose choice he is first, last and all the time. He found a man who has done more disinterested work for democracy in Allen county in a single campaign than Mr. Rockhill has in his entire life. He found all this as regards to these two aspirants, and it is no wonder then that he was glad when the hour for departure arrived and he had an opportunity of escaping from the unpleasant predicament in which he found himself placed. Mr. McNagny promises to return this week and investigate more thoroughly the claims of these two men. If he does investigate them, and abides by his convictions, there can be but one result, and that is the recommendation of Billy Meyer, the choice of the rank and file of his own constituency.

M'NAGNY.

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HE TALKS ON THE FORT WAYNE POSTMASTERSHIP QUESTION.

He Will Make His Appointment This Week and Insists That He Is as Yet Unhampered by any Promises—An Interesting Interview.

A TIMES reporter on Saturday, after brushing up his overalls and pushing in a week's growth of beard on his face, went out into the cold world and made a pilgrimage to Columbia City, that Mecca so persistently sought by the hungry horde of office seekers who have so nearly succeeded in making life a burden to Congressman McNagny ever since November 8, 1892.

The TIMES man had no ax to grind, no fish to fry. He simply went up there to see how the other fellows' axes were getting along and to personally inspect Mr. McNagny's grindstone. The Whitley county statesman's grindstone was found in good order and but little the worse for wear. The handle was a trifle rickety and wobbly, the gearing creaked a bit, but the face of the stone was apparently good as new, and judging from the number of old axes lying around, there hadn't been much grinding done on that stone up to date.

Mr. McNagny was busily engaged when the TIMES called, preparing and arranging his business for his departure for Washington on or about the 20th of this month. Soon he was at leisure and the TIMES was invited into his private office. The genial congressman was in an amicable mood, as indeed he always is. Between puffs of a fragrant cigar the TIMES man stated the object of his visit: "I understand, Mr. McNagny," said he, "that you anticipate going to Washington next week."

"Yes," said the congressman, "or at least that was my intention, I find, however, that I will not be able to arrange my business so as to get away before about the 19th or 20th."

"We in Fort Wayne rather expected that you would visit us once more before going east. I believe you stated that you intended to be in Fort Wayne at least a couple of days this week. Have you given that up."

"No sir. I expect to put in at least one full day, probably two, next week in your city. I promised that, and had in fact intended to go down to-day, but was prevented by other matters of importance."

"I came, Mr. McNagny, for the purpose of interviewing you on the question of federal appointments in Fort Wayne. There have been and are countless rumors of this and that afloat, and some persons who claim to be on the inside say that they know who your appointees will be. I should like to get a positive expression from you as to what your conclusions are, especially concerning the Fort Wayne postmastership."

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"Well, sir, I can simply say that any one, no matter who, who says that he knows whom I shall appoint to the Fort Wayne postmastership, deliberately says that which he knows to be untrue. No one can know, because I don't know myself. I have not yet made up my mind and when I do, I shall not hesitate a moment to let everybody interested know upon whom my choice has fallen."

"Do you know that it is claimed that should that choice fall on Mr. Rockhill, you would simply be carrying out a compact already made, and made long ago?"

"Why only in Mr. Rockhill's case?"

"Because people do not believe that you would care to appoint him in face of the strong opposition made against him. They believe that if you appoint him it is simply because you were too honorable to break a promise made to him or his friends before you really understood the situation."

"You can say for me, and any man who knows me will believe me, that I stand to-day as free and unentangled by any promises made concerning the Fort Wayne postoffice, as I did ten years ago. There has been a surprising opposition raised to Mr. Rockhill's appointment, but he has also a large number of worthy and influential business men and others who stand as his friends. You would be surprised to know what a tremendous pressure has been brought to bear in his favor."

"Has there been any particular opposition to any of the other candidates, or have their respective friends only been urging their claims?"

"That's all. That is at least there has been no violent opposition to any of the others. Now I want to do what is right. I want to appoint a postmaster for your city who will prove satisfactory to the greatest number and I can do that only by personally looking the ground over. And once I am satisfied on that point, it won't take me two minutes to make up my mind. I have seen a great many of Mr. Meyer's friends but I really don't suppose one man out of fifty who favors his appointment has seen me or communicated with me. I know he is very

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popular and I am satisfied that he is as competent as any. Messrs. Ungemach, Martin, Spencer, Thompson, Monning, Metcalf, all of them have their friends too, who are entitled to the fullest measure of consideration. One man tells me if I appoint Rockhill the party will go to the d—l in Fort Wayne, and another tells me the same if I appoint Meyer. One man tells me that the only way I can save the country is by recognizing Metcalf, while the other says that Spencer is the Saviour, and so they come and go. Have I been threatened? Yes in a measure. I have been told that if I didn't do this or that I could not be reelected. I can't help it: I can't please everybody, so I have concluded to weigh every point carefully, exercise my best judgment and if I can't sit in congress but two years, I'll come home and retain my manhood at any rate."

"Have you been solicited to postpone your selection of Fort Wayne's postmaster until after the spring election?"

"Strongly, strongly! Every effort has been put forth to have me wait until some time next summer before naming the man. What do you think of it?"

"Well, I think it's a scheme of the Rockhill faction. They realize that if Mr. Rockhill receives the appointment the reaction will lose the spring election for the democrats and place the city government in the hands of the republicans. Hasn't most of this urging for postponement come from Mr. Rockhill's friends?"

"Well, I don't care to say as to that, but the pressure has been tremendous."

"What do you propose to do about it?"

"I don't see how I can postpone it. When I make up my mind I shall announce my decision. It wouldn't be just to myself and it wouldn't be just to anybody except the successful candidate. After I have made up my mind I must either tell the people I haven't, and lie to them and give them reason to hope for their own success, or tell them that my choice is made and on whom it fell, and I have made up my mind to do the latter. I should, of course, be glad to do anything in my

power to insure democratic success in Fort Wayne, but I can't do it that way. In fact I doubt whether the effect wouldn't be just as bad the other way. It would lead to combines being made and the Lord knows what not. At any rate I don't think it advisable nor right to keep up this suspense so long and shall not postpone the selection, notwithstanding the pressure brought to bear in that direction."

"By the way, have you heard of the latest slate that has been fixed up by the bosses in Fort Wayne to conciliate everybody?"

"I have heard of a dozen, but possibly not the latest. What is it?"

"Well, it's Rockhill for postmaster, Reese for deputy collector and Dinnen for pension examiner. Rockhill is to represent the American element of the democracy, Reese the lutheran, and Dinnen the catholic. It's a beautiful combination, don't you think?"

"Well, they are all good men, but I'll tell you frankly I don't believe in combinations and especially not church combinations. The church has no business in politics and should stay out. I don't countenance those things at all."

"You say you expect to go to Washington about the 20th. Do you expect to make your selections before that time?"

"I most certainly hope so. I expect to gain enough information on my visit to Fort Wayne next week to satisfy me, and shall not be long in deciding. Of course there may some things arise, or some claims be urged that will require maturer consideration, but I earnestly hope that I shall be able to settle the matter definitely before my departure for the capital. In view of the many conflicting statements which have been made, I wish to emphasize the fact, and reiterate what I said at the commencement of this interview, that I stand to-day uncommitted to any man's candidacy and have given no assurance to any one that he might by any possible contortion construe as a pledge or promise. I was approached on several occasions before the election by persons who wanted an assurance of some kind, but I absolutely refused to make any promises. I will say, however, that Mr. Rockhill was none of these. He first approached me after the election, at a proper time and in an entirely proper manner. I gave him no promise then and have given him none since. I am sorry that I can't tell you who the appointee will be and can only assure you that I would tell you without hesitation if I myself knew. Yes, there is quite a scramble for some of the other appointments, but none so earnest as that for the postoffice. No, I really can't say on what particular day I will be in Fort Wayne, but it will be some time during the week. I then want considerable time to myself. I like to meet my friends, of course; am always glad to see them, but the great trouble is that when I get to Wayne those who want to see me find me and occupy my time so that I can't see those that I want to see A man comes to me—good friend you understand—and he holds me for an hour. While he is talking half a dozen others are waiting. I must treat them all courteously and am really glad to see them but (laughingly) not so much of them, and so by night possibly I have seen a dozen people whom I didn't care to see particularly, while fifty people whom I wanted to see for five minutes each I didn't see at all. I shall have to manage somehow next week to let people know that I can't denote all my time to one person and must have some time to follow my own inclinations. Its a delicate thing to do without giving offense but I must do it some how and no sensible man can feel offended if I decline to allow him to monopolize all my time."

Mr. McNagny's approaching visit, it will therefore be seen, will be a mighty interesting one an l if he does as he intends, get the real sentiment of the masses and not of the politicians, Billy Meyer will be the next postmaster of Fort Wayne.

News Friday 15/13

THE POSTOFFICE.

The Fight Is Narrowed Down to Two Candidates.

The NEWS is assured, on indisputable authority, that the result of yesterday's visit of Mr. McNagnay to this city was to narrow the contest for the postmastership down to two applicants, viz: Rockhill and Meyer. The other candidates are not in it any longer, and they might as well throw their forces in the direction of their choice of the two gentlemen above named. It is the prevailing opinion that Mr. Rockhill has a "cinch" on this appointment, and while it is probably true that Mr. McNagnay has not made an out-and-out promise to that effect, it is certain that neither Mr. Rockhill nor his backers are losing any sleep. Mr. R.'s strongest endorsement comes from Mr. Thos. Taggart, chairman of the democratic state central committee, of which Mr. Rockhill was also a member, and Mr. Taggart's influence with the incoming administration is such that it is believed he could bring about Mr. Rockhill's appointment independent of Mr. McNagnay.

Mr. McNagnay was seen after noon today by a NEWS reporter, and denied the rumor that he would come to a final decision to-day. "I will not decide to-day or to-morrow, either," said the congressman, "and any one who says the appointment is cut and dried, does not know what he is talking about." "When do you go to Washington, Mr. McNagnay?" "I expect to start Tuesday and I will be gone two months. "Will you give your decision before you go?" "No, I think not. I may not come to any conclusion until after I am there some time. You see there are too many democrats to consult with, and I can't investigate the matter thoroughly enough in this short time. No one has withdrawn from the race, and I have given no intimation as to the person on whom the choice will fall."

Mr. McNagnay has probably forgotten his interview of last week, in which he declared his intention of settling the postoffice matter before going to Washington.

Gazette Friday 15/13

WELL, Congressman McNagney was again in town yesterday, and the boys nearly tore him in shreds, as they hauled him around. Billy Meyer and his friends were closeted a long while with him, and they feel quite sanguine, as can be seen by the report given in another column. However, Mr. Rockhill continues to wear that calm and placid smile which is so exasperating to his competitors, but which says as plainly as words that he feels pretty well satisfied with himself and the congressman-elect as well. He is losing no sleep over the matter just now, but it is quite evident that he expects to be in at the finish, and that he has decidedly good reasons for the faith that is within him.

ANXIETY!

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Which Shall It Be, Which Shall It Be? Meyer or Rockhill. Which?

Congressman McNagny was here yesterday afternoon and was met by the friends of several of the candidates for the postmastership. A GAZETTE reporter who met one of Mr. William Meyer's friends, was given the following information: "Yes, Mr. McNagny was here this afternoon and after we talked with him he left the city for the north. On one thing we are sure, namely that the contest for the postmastership has narrowed down to two candidates."

"Name them."

"Right gladly will I name them. They are my friend, William Meyer, the baker, and Wright Rockhill, the editor. The contest has narrowed down to these two, and no others stand a ghost of a show. The chances are very much in favor of Meyer. He is popular and competent, and would make a good postmaster. There is nothing that he would not do to accomodate the public, and that is the kind of a postmaster we want. It takes a quick man to discover what is wrong with mail routes, city and train deliveries, and to catch on to postoffice business generally. I am not criticising any of the predecessors of the coming postmaster, I am simply speaking of the qualifications of our candidate. I think he would fill the bill to perfection. I have nothing against Mr. Rockhill, he is a nice fellow and all that, but I think he is second man in this race."

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OUR NEXT POSTMASTER.

A Columbia City Gentleman Who Believes Mr. Meyer Will be the Appointee.

The NEWS this morning met a very prominent Whitley county democrat, and asked him the question, Who will Congressman McNagny recommend for postmaster of Fort Wayne? His answer, in substance, was as follows: "Of course I do not speak of my own knowledge; but from facts with which I am acquainted, I believe Mr. Wm. Meyer will have Mr. McNagny's recommendation. The new congressman knows that Mr. Meyer is one among the few Fort Wayne democrats who was true to his interests, even before his nomination. He also knows that Mr. Meyer has a great following of young democrats who have stood by the party through thick and thin, who have never before asked for office for themselves or anyone else, and who would be sorely disappointed if this favor is denied them. These young and influential hustlers say that the best interests of the party demand Meyer's appointment; that there is already a feeling that the *Journal* has had too much; that the appointment of Mr. Rockhill will offend Mr. Hackett, the *Sentinel* and its friends; and that the situation does not demand any such sacrifice for one who has already had so much from his party. Mr. McNagny is keeping his own counsels. He does not tell anybody what he intends to do. But he is familiar with all the facts I have told you, and I cannot believe that under these circumstance he can or will do anything else than appoint Wm. Meyer to be your next postmaster."

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THE SLATE.

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Names of Gentlemen Who Have Combined Their Hopes.

The NEWS to-day gained a bit of political information that may be of interest to the public. The following slates have been made up, and the gentlemen whose names appear below will act as postmaster and assistant if lightning strikes the principal named:

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THE Hendricks club go to Washington this morning, seven in a sleeping car berth, with the valiant Capt. Billy Meyer at the head. The president-elect has been advised of the position the club will have in the procession, and also furnished with a life sized photo of the gallant captain, in order that he may be recognized as he passes the reviewing stand. It is hoped that the kingly bearing of the captain on that occasion will capture the president, and prove his efficiency as postmaster of Fort Wayne. Meanwhile, Mr. Rockhill continues to wear the same old self-satisfied smile which is the best kind of an indication of perfect confidence in the result. He will not go to Washington—not at the present time, but if he does make the trip, he will occupy a berth all to himself, and on his return will know exactly "where he is at."

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THE FORT WAYNE POSTMASTERSHIP FINALLY DISPOSED OF.

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The die is cast; the deed is done;
The fight is o'er, the battle won.

After many months of patient waiting the public is at last gratified by congressman McNagny, who announces that he has decided to recommend W. W. Rockhill for the position of postmaster. This decision, Mr. McNagny says, he reached last Saturday night and yesterday the information was conveyed to this city. In his letter announcing his decision the congressman says that he delayed the appointment so long because he was hopeful that he would be able to find room for both Mr. Meyer and Mr. Rockhill, but says that in this he was disappointed and that he had concluded to give Mr. Rockhill the appointment. Whether Mr. McNagny reached that conclusion last Saturday or whether he

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The TIMES bears Mr. Rockhill not one whit of ill-will and objected to his appointment solely because it did not believe him entitled to the place and thought Mr. Meyer was. The TIMES objects to machine politics and it is machine politics that puts Mr. Rockhill into his place and keeps Mr. Meyer out. Mr. Rockhill has been in office all his life and has been a mere figurehead in the affairs of the democratic party any more than holding office and drawing his salary was concerned. Mr. Meyer has been an active and hard working member of the rank and file and has contributed largely from his purse to the campaign fund and has done more real hard work in a single campaign than Mr. Rockhill has in all his life, and now when for the first time he asks for recognition, he is set aside simply that Mr. McNagny may be enabled to carry out a a program already fixed before Mr. Cleveland was even elected to office.

The appointment of Mr. Rockhill will do more to disrupt the democratic party in this county than any other appointment that could possibly have been made. It has disappointed the hopes of the solid body of the laboring element of this city who were for Meyer to the man, but whose choice has always been ignored by the body of politicians of whom Mr. Rockhill is a representative. They have been tired of this thing before and to be again deliberately sat down upon when their choice was supported by at least ninety per cent. of the democratic voting popula-

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Sunday, Mr. Meyer received letters from Congressman McNagny in which he informed him that he would not recommend him for appointment as postmaster at Fort Wayne, and that he would recommend the name of W. W. Rockhill. The same mail brought to the latter the same information and the deed was done, and Mr. Rockhill is very certain of being named by the president as successor to Postmaster Higgins.

Congressman McNagny attempted to square himself with the redoubtable captain of the Hendricks club by stating that he had delayed sooner telling him the postoffice had been reserved for Rockhill in the hope he might be able to coax him off by some other position, but even that resort failed him, and as he could not promise him anything whatever he would be compelled to content himself with the reflection that he had at least been "considered" when the slate was made up.

Mr. Rockhill, of course, was feeling good yesterday that the congressman had openly announced his decision. Throughout the entire campaign he was not the least in doubt as to the ultimate result. The culmination was to him as certain as anything could be. The cold, cynical, calculating smile, which has so wrought upon the feelings of his late opponents, has grown even broader and more pronounced and it plainly says to the Democrats at large: "If you attempt to destroy the schemes of the boss, you may be sure that ruin will overtake you; join our procession or down you go."

Personally, Mr. Rockhill is a pleasant gentleman, and he is qualified for the position to which he aspires, but the turning down of Meyer, is a matter that will not readily down. Mr. Meyer claims that McNagny has not kept his promises with him, and he does not like the manner in which the congressman has attempted to "play horse," for he now realizes that the matter was determined in McNagny's mind long ago. He thinks he might have announced his decision and not deceive by false hopes and insinuations. Some quite interesting things may yet arise, for some wounds have been made that will not readily heal.

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Mr Rockhill was seen shortly afterward and asked if he had made the selection of a chief deputy.

"I have made no selection, neither have I promised any," replied he. "How could I, when my recommendation was entirely uncertain?"

"When will you take the office?" was asked.

"I hav't been appointed yet Mr. Higgins' time does not expire until June, I believe."

"Will you make any change in the working force of the office?"

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Postmaster Higgins Tells Him That He Can Go Ahead With His Charges.

Rockhill Says He is Moving in Obedience to Orders of Democratic Politicians.

For several days it has been known that a coterie of Democrats has been laying plans to capture the Fort Wayne postoffice before the expiration of the commission held by Mr. Higgins. As early as Tuesday it was known that a committee had been appointed to see the Nasby of Fort Wayne and request his resignation. He was to be told that if he would quietly throw up the office, he could go out peaceably and with the good will of all concerned. If not, they were to threaten that charges would be sent on against him to Washington. It was expected that this committee would wait upon Mr. Higgins on Tuesday. The GAZETTE set a watch upon the office but no committee appeared Wednesday passed and still no committee. It was evident that when it came to the test the gentlemen appointed had not the gall—yes, that is the proper word—had not the gall to go ahead in the discharge of their mission. At last, on yesterday, instead of the committee, Mr. Rockhill had to come and deliver the communication himself. As soon after his departure as possible the GAZETTE sought an interview with Postmaster Higgins, and it gives the following as the substance of its interview with him:

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President Cleveland and Postmaster General Bissell have both stated that incumbents will be retained in office until their commissions expire, unless there is a voluntary resignation. When there is no commission fixing tenure the incumbent, if efficient, will be permitted to serve for four years from time of appointment. However, Mr. Rockhill has not yet received his appointment, but should he receive it within a few weeks he will probably not take the office until January.

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"What did you say to him?"

"I told him it was something of a surprise to me, and that I would not resign to him; that if the president or the postmaster general desired my resignation before the expiration of my commission, I had no doubt I would receive notice from the proper authorities."

"What did Mr. Rockhill say to that?"

"He said that in case I did not resign, charges would be preferred and taken to Washington at once by Mr. McNagny, and that he thought that with the assistance of Senator Voorhees a removal could be secured before July, and that it would be much easier and pleasanter all around to have the resignation handed in than to have the charges go forward and thus precipitate trouble."

"What did you answer to that?"

"Well, I told him to just go right ahead with his charges; that I would stay right with him, and that I would write at once to the president and tell him that charges were on the way and respectfully ask that I be confronted with the charges and given a chance to defend myself. Mr Rockhill seemed to think that I might not have a chance to defend against these charges. I asked him what the charges were. He replied that he would not mention all of them, but that one was that I had assessed employes of the office for the state election three years ago, and had collected the money of them for that purpose. Another charge was that I had loaned government furniture to the rink during the state convention, and still another was that I had allowed Republicans to hold political meetings in the government building."

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Mr Higgins told Mr. Rockhill to post Andy Moynihan about it or the Journal would get scooped this morning, as he intended to give the whole thing away, and he did not doubt that the GAZETTE would have it in the morning.

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During the conversation Mr. Higgins told Mr. Rockhill that he was surprised to see him come. "I had expected a committee to call." He answered that after consultation, they had decided it would be better to have him come alone and make the demand.

This morning's *Journal* adds another chapter to the charges in the following paragraph:

At a largely attended meeting of the democratic city central committee last night it was unanimously decided not only to prefer charges against Mr. Higgins, but also to ask President Cleveland to annul the recent civil service examination held in the postoffice because it was grossly improper and entirely partisan.

If the city central committee needed any evidence to prove that it does not possess good sense, it is supplied in the last clause of the above paragraph. To ask Mr. Cleveland to annul the recent civil service examination on the ground that it was "entirely partisan," is to ask him to abolish the civil service commission, an undertaking which he might [illegible]omplish if this were Russia, and he [illegible] Czar; but inasmuch as Mr. Cleve[illegible]d is supposed to be in sympathy with [illegible]il service reform, and since the [illegible]ions recently presented and acted upon [illegible]re prepared at Washington, and the [illegible] are returned thereto for final [illegible]sideration, the contemplated action [illegible] the city central committee would be [illegible]quivalent to preferring charges against the administration itself.

In the meantime, Mr. William Meyer is leisurely sawing wood. It is noticeable that some of the gentlemen most active in his support are responsible for having urged Rockhill to demand Higgins' resignation before he has himself been appointed; and there are those who profess to see in this a grand *coup d'état*, that may yet land Mr. Meyer in the postoffice, for they say that neither Mr. Cleveland nor Mr. Bissell will patiently contemplate a demand of so extraordinary a nature as that yesterday made by Mr. Rockhill. And they further aver that the president will be slow to appoint to so important a place as the postoffice of Fort Wayne, a gentleman who has made such a palpable blunder as to demand the resignation of a public officer without the shadow of any authority so to do.

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THE postoffice question is assuming interest again. It is a fight now between Colonel Higgins and Mr. Rockhill, and both gentlemen are perfectly able to look after their own interests.

THE POSTOFFICE!

Mr. Rockhill Replies to Mr. Higgins' Statements.

The Postmaster is After Cheap Notoriety, on Which He Thrives and Fattens.

THE JOURNAL is not going to weary its readers with a controversy about the postoffice succession.

The public is only interested in the administration of that office and their affairs will not suffer at the hands of Mr. Higgins or Mr. Rockhill.

However, since Mr. Higgins has used the metropolitan newspapers, of which he is a correspondent, to air his side of the controversy and has furnished the local republican newspapers with a typewritten statement of his version of an interview with Mr. W. W. Rockhill, THE JOURNAL has asked the latter gentleman to make a statement.

Mr. Rockhill says:

"My visit to Mr. Higgins was of a friendly nature. I expect to be his successor, and, of course, must arrange my business affairs so as to devote all of my time to the conduct of the postoffice. It was natural, then, that I should ask Mr. Higgins when he expected to retire. It is the feeling of the democratic party that he ought to be satisfied with four years, and, knowing that the democratic city central committee was moving to effect his removal, I told him that I felt it was best for him to retire without a contest, at the end of his regular term, July 8, next. He took the matter under consideration, and later in the day informed me that he would not resign at the end of his four year term, in July, but would attempt to hold the office six months longer. I said, kindly, that charges would be presented to effect his removal, and Mr. Higgins replied by threatening to embarrass my administration and shadow every act. I said to him that I expected to conduct the postoffice on a business basis in strict accordance with the postal laws, but he contended that that was impossible and that he would do everything he could to annoy me. All the talk about making "demands," etc., is buncombe. I went to present a business

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WHEN the barter for the Fort Wayne postoffice was made between Rockhill and McNagny was it part of the bargain that McNagny should trump up charges against Postmaster Higgins and carry them to Washington, in case the postmaster should refuse to obey their dictation?

MR. HIGGINS loaned chairs to the Republican state convention—therefore he should be removed from the postoffice. The Fort Wayne Journal folks seemed glad to have the convention held in Fort Wayne and did all they could for the comfort of the guests—therefore they should be fired out of town and the county printing taken from them.

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COLD HISTORY.

Colonel Higgins Wanted to Seize the Postoffice on a Morton Club Commission.

He Haunted the Postoffice Until His Commission Arrived, and Cut a Month off of Mr. Kaough's Four-Year Term.

"It makes me smile," said Ex-Postmaster Kaough last evening, "to see Mr. Higgins playing the role of the persecuted partisan.

"After Mr. Harrison's election the republicans served notice that I would be removed for offensive partisanship, and I quietly told them it wasn't necessary to go to that trouble and that as soon as my successor was appointed I would withdraw.

"Mr. Higgins and I frequently talked over the situation and he was profuse in promising that if he was appointed I would certainly serve my four years.

"Well, Mr. Higgins was agreed on by the Morton club and that very night, with characteristic greed, he telegraphed the fact to Washington in order to hasten his commission. Mind you, he didn't wait to write or give the club an opportunity to do so, but 'kept the wires hot,' as he expressed it.

"He visited the office daily after that and actually wanted to take charge on the authority of the Morton club. Yes sir, he wanted me to retire at the behest of the Morton club, and bemoaned the loss of his salary. I told him I could not turn the office over without authority from Washington. Finally his commission came and at the noon hour. He insisted on taking charge at once and I said we could not divide the day's business and to wait until that evening. He did so and I withdrew.

"This is the gentleman, who like the boy in the reader, is crying, 'Wolf! Wolf!!'

"Yes sir. It makes me smile to hear him, and I wasn't as much of an offensive partisan as he is at that."

Mr. Kaough, like Mr. Higgins, had a commission running several months over four years, but Mr. Higgins, breaking his word, did not permit Mr. Kaough to serve even his four years, forcing him out a month before his regular term closed.

Why, of course, Colonel Higgins ought to be retained in office! He is such an innocent little chap, you know.

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McNAGNY.

The Columbia City Statesman Pays This City a Visit.

Congressman Wm. McNagny arrived here yesterday at the dictation of W. W. Rockhill & Co. and was closeted with the Rochhill gang of statesmen all the afternoon. It was learned that the gang decided to insist that the president bounce Postmaster Higgins at once. A Gazette reporter was granted an interview with the Columbia City Democratic giant at 7 p. m.

"Is there anything new in the postmastership question, Mr. McNagny?" asked the reporter.

"Nothing," was the suave reply.

"It's settled in favor of Mr. Rockhill, then?"

"Yes, he has been recommended for the position."

"Where have you been and where are you going?"

"I have been at home for three weeks and leave at 8 o'clock tonight for Washington on Pittsburg train No. 8. I only came to Fort Wayne this afternoon. Come down to Washington, my dear boy, and I will give you a nice and interesting interview. I stop at the Willard while there. That hotel is a great center for politicians, and in fact a majority of westerners who come to Washington make that their headquarters. Good night, I must be off for the depot."

THE prospects are that Fort Wayne will soon erect a garbage crematory. No better proposition has ever been made. The work cannot be commenced too soon. Let the authorities see to it that the appliances to be used will thoroughly accomplish the work desired and all will be well.

POSTOFFICE patron: Mr. Rockhill has not yet taken possession of the Fort Wayne postoffice.

CONSTANT reader: The development of the recent attempted loot on the Fort Wayne postoffice is generally ascribed to the brilliant genius of Editor A—y! No; Mr. Rockhill's acquaintances credit him with possessing more political sagacity than to conceive such a blundering plan. Oh, yes, certainly; one would conclude so, but then as a matter of fact, Shakespeare had met Dogberry long before the editor of the Journal was born.

CONGRESSMAN McNAGNY was hustled off to Washington last night with instructions to leave no stone unturned for the fulfillment of the compact he made with Rockhill & Co., prior to the nomination last fall. The bosses were closeted with McNagny all afternoon in this city and it was not long until he promised to comply with every demand they made.

IT required the combined efforts of Mr. Rockhill and Editor Andy to see that Congressman McNagny left on the limited last evening for Washington. They did not propose that any one else should get at him, and from 6 o'clock until his departure, they acted as his bodyguard and no Allen county Democrat was permitted to talk to the Whitley county statesman until they had given their consent.

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ONLY A PREDICTION.

BUT THE "NEWS" BELIEVES IT WILL BE VERIFIED.

Republicans Engaged in the Conspiracy to Oust Postmaster C. R. Higgins.

T an early date Fort Wayne's efficient postmaster, Mr. C. R. Higgins, the most energetic and accommodoting gentleman who ever held that office, will probably be the victim of traitors in his own party camp. Because Mr. Higgins refused to desert the standard of President Harrison and join in the local crusade in behalf of anyone to beat that gentleman for renomination, there is a coterie in the republican ranks here that have decided to furnish Mr. Rockhill with ammunition to cause Mr. Higgins' removal, as an offensive partisan.

It will be interesting to record the testimony and the names of these gentlemen when the time comes. It will also be interesting to note that Mr. Higgins' "partisanship" was much more offensive to this class of machine republican politicians than it was to thousands of business democrats who would be glad to see so capable an officer retained in office for another term.

CONGRESSMAN MCNAGNY continues to feed Capt. Billy Meyer taffy in large doses, and declares he is still looking for a place for him. Billy saws wood, but he thinks if "Mac." were so solicitous for him, he could have shown it by recommending him for the position for which he asked. But had he done that, there would have been lively music over that bargain made prior to the nominating convention.

MR. MCNAGNY trotting off to Washington, to look for offices for the boys, at the orders of Louis Heilbroner, E. V. Emrick and Mike Bohen, is certainly an inspiring sight! Judge Lowry, Judge Hench and Col. Zollinger must certainly feel honored to have their applications referred to this committee for adjudication and approval. Possibly this latest phase in Allen county politics explains the failure of the gentlemen to obtain recognition at Washington.

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In Which Rockhill, McNagny, et al. Will Find Themselves Floundering!

The Journal Man's Policy Not Satisfactory to the President or Mr. Bissell.

Whereat Billy Meyer "Smiles Audibly" and Wright Looks Weary and Worn.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—A few days ago a local Washington paper printed a story that W. W. Rockhill, the Fort Wayne editor, who has been recommended by Congressman McNagny for the postoffice at Fort Wayne, was coming on to Washington to file charges against the incumbent. It was stated that Rockhill had determined upon this policy after having made a formal demand on the postmaster to resign. The publication and the editorial comment it called forth has undoubtedly made a bad impression in official circles for Mr. Rockhill. The president and postmaster general are tired already of the fights that have grown out of the larger postoffices in Indiana, and they will hardly entertain any such movement as that suggested by Rockhill and Congressman McNagny.

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THE report of the civil service commission, Messrs. Foulke and Swift, on the recent attempt by prominent Democrats to loot the Terre Haute postoffice, shows that the scheme was premeditated and for the sole purpose of evading the law. Donham, the man appointed postmaster by the present administration, was a party to the unlawful attempt, and boldly arrayed himself against the civil service statute. The fact was also revealed that not only at Terre Haute have the Democratic leaders entered into a conspiracy against obedience to the law but that under the advice and direction of the Democratic state committee the same tactics are to be attempted in every city and town of any importance. The attack upon, and threats against the Fort Wayne postmaster, last week, were in compliance with the plan, but the sad experience of the conspirators at Terre Haute made those in this city just a little cautious and they did not go to such an extreme as they might otherwise have done. In that place, the schemers first attempted to bribe the postmaster to resign, then threatened him, and finally trumped up charges, every one of which the civil service authorities, sent to investigate, found to be outrageously false. What a similarity to the alternatives presented to Postmaster Higgins by Mr. W. W Rockhill, candidate for the Fort Wayne postoffice, (recommended by McNagny but not yet appointed) and member of the Democratic state and county committees. Mr. Rockhill himself demanded that Mr. Higgins should forward his resignation, and when he declined to do so, threatened to trump up charges to be preferred against him. This conspiracy, it seems, Congressman McNagny has been compelled to sanction, and even now he is at the national capital to work for its success. After the exposure made in the Terre Haute case it remains to be seen whether it will have the endorsement of President Cleveland and his administration or whether he will enforce the doctrine he has been proclaiming and administer a severe and merited rebuke to the spoils hunters.

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SPOILS IN INDIANA.

An Independent Paper Shocked at the Rapacity of Hoosier Democrats.

Boson Transcript: Indiana, the state of Voorhees, has a very thin veneer of civil service reformers among its population. Therefore it might be anticipated that the most palpable violations of the doctrine would occur there. We have already referred to the case at Terre Haute, the town from which Voorhees hails, but for unadulterated impudence, the supposed Democratic appointee for Fort Wayne bears off the prize. His name is W. W. Rockhill, and he is a newspaper man; perhaps, therefore, he comes rightly by his immense stock of Indiana assurance. Representative McNagny, his backer, might not be able to secure for him the coveted place, though he would make a bold push. So he demanded of the Republican incumbent, Mr. Higgins, his resignation, to take effect July 8, although his commission will not expire until January. The subsequent proceedings are thus detailed by Good Government—

"I thought you told me one evening," responded Mr. Higgins, "that Mr. Bissell had informed Mr. McNagny that postmasters would be removed at the end of their term of four years, regardless of their commissions?"

"Yes, I did."

"Then why do you ask for my resignation?"

"Well, you know they are funny down their, and they may not remove you."

"If this is the case, I will not resign. When the president and postmaster general desire me to give up this office, I will get due notice from the proper authority."

This would be an unequivocally mirth-provoking colloquy did it not disclose the insolence of Democratic party leaders in claiming public office as their private possession, the title to which comes from party success at the last presidential election.

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The appointment of Mr. W. W. Rockhill, of this city, to succeed Mr. C. R. Higgins, as postmaster of Fort Wayne, has been made by President Cleveland. There are many reasons why this appointment is a good one. Mr. Rockhill is well qualified for the position and should make an excellent postmaster. It is a just recognition of the handsome services performed by his paper for democracy in the last campaign, and now that the first pangs of disappointment have worn away, the appointment will be generally well received. It is not likely that Mr. Rockhill will be able to take the office by July 8th, the date of the expiration of Mr. Higgins' commission, but it will probably be some time in July.

W. W. ROCKHILL, P. M.

THE NEW POSTMASTER'S COMMISSION ARRIVES AT LAST.

Messrs. Higgins and Rockhill Are in Consultation, and the Change Will Soon be Made.

ND now it is Postmaster Rockhill; or at least it very soon will be. Mr. W. W. Rockhill this morning received his commission as postmaster of Fort Wayne, and this afternoon presented the same officially for Postmaster Higgins' inspection.

The meeting between Mr. Higgins and his successor was of a most amicable nature, and the office will be turned over to Mr. Rockhill to morrow evening.

It is usual to make the transfer of offices of this importance on Saturday; but Mr. Higgins was all ready, and the change will be made as above stated.

Mr. Higgins, the retiring postmaster, is the most efficient, painstaking and altogether obliging postmaster this city has ever had, and his efforts to improve the service and to accommodate the public have been most highly appreciated.

Mr. Rockhill, the new postmaster, is the best qualified man among the ranks of those seeking the office, and he should make a worthy successor of the best postmaster

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IS HERE AT LAST!

The Commission of W. W. Rockhill as Postmaster.

Colonel Higgins Will Step Out and Mr. Rockhill Will Step Into Office Tomorrow Night.

Postmaster Higgins was hustling about in his office today clearing out the pigeon holes in his desk. The cause of this unusual activity was the notification just received from Washington that Wright W. Rockhill had been commissioned postmaster for the Fort Wayne postoffice. "You can say," said Mr. Higgins to a SENTINEL representative, "that I am ready to turn over my office and this will be done tomorrow night, although it is customary to make these changes on Saturday evening I am ready, however, to turn the establishment over at a moments notice."

Mr. Rockhill, who came into the office while Mr. Higgins was speaking, said: "Yes, I have received my commission and will take charge of the office in a d.y or so"

Mr. Higgins, during his term of four years, has made a most excellent official, and has managed the affairs of the office in a business-like manner, giving satisfaction to all its patrons Mr. Rockhill is well equipped for the new duties upon which he will enter. He possesses fine business qualifications, and will, we doubt not, conduct the office on the same high business grade as has characterized the administration of Mr. Higgins.

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POSTMASTER HIGGINS RETIRES.

Postmaster Higgins will retire from office to day after more than four years of satisfactory public service, and we know he enjoys to a marked degree the best wishes of all the people for his future welfare.

Mr. Higgins has been a painstaking, an accommodating and a model postmaster, and, indeed, it is a pleasure for THE JOURNAL to bear testimony to his praiseworthy public career.

Almost every patron of the Fort Wayne postoffice has felt the touch of his pleasing, cordial co operation in the conduct and dispatch of their business with the postal department, so that his popularity is natural and well grounded.

He has been true to his trust, equal to his task and faithful to duty.

THE JOURNAL and the other democratic newspapers of the city, speaking for their party, have at all times extended to Mr. Higgins a hearty support, fair treatment and kindly consideration.

Mr. Rockhill has not fared so well at the hands of the *Gazette*, for its columns have teemed with gross misrepresentations of his candidacy, coarse allusions to his appointment, as well as illiterate and vulgar reference to his assumption of the office of postmaster, calculated to embarrass him, to falsify his policy, to belittle his position and impair the postal service.

The editor of the *Gazette* is a gentleman and a scholar, and it is surprising that he tolerates the brutish and stupid conduct of his newspaper towards his fellow citizens when no advantage can possibly accrue to him or his party.

It is his own business, of course, and if he likes the baser style of journalism, he is getting just what he relishes and pays for.

THE JOURNAL however, desires to say —while it has offered no defense or explanation of the attacks on Mr. Rockhill, situated as he was as its manager—that as postmaster and a public servant, it will not be silent to unjust or vulgar personal and political flings at him and the party he hopes to represent creditably and honorably.

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YESTERDAY evening, after business hours, Mr. C. R. Higgins transferred the Fort Wayne postoffice to his successor, Mr. W. W. Rockhill, and the latter gentleman is this morning in complete charge. During his four years Mr. Higgins has brought the postoffice to a state of great efficiency, and it is a subject of general remark that the city has never had a more capable or obliging official. He was zealous and indefatigable in his efforts to accommodate all, and he called around him assistants who showed the same desires, consequently his term has been successful, and he retires from the office with the respect and best wishes of all. Mr. Rockhill, the new postmaster, is a well-known citizen of Fort Wayne, one who has repeatedly been honored by the people, and possesses the qualifications of a good official. Certainly all his friends, irrespective of party affiliations, will join the GAZETTE in the hope that his administration of the office may be equally as successful and satisfactory as that of his predecessor. While the case was pending the GAZETTE has good naturedly rallied our postmaster on the various incidents connected with his pursuit of the office, but this is all over now, and this morning we "smile" with him in the belief that to the full measure of his abilities he will make as efficient and acceptable a public servant as his predecessor. If he does this we will all be content.

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As showing the desirability of the application and enforcement of civil service rules to the postoffice department, attention is called to the very superior efficiency of the local postoffice, under Mr. Rockhill, without a clean sweep, over the chaotic condition that existed when Mr. Kaough turned all the experienced men out and put in untried carriers.

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Now the Government Building Flag.

The United States flag on the government building was not exactly at half mast yesterday, but it was held in position by only one corner. Not sooner had Col. Higgins stepped down and out as postmaster until the stars and stripes went on a strike. Of course it was not in aversion to Mr. Rockhill's advent, but purely out of regret for Mr. Higgins' departure. But, Mr. Rockhill, straighten up that flag and float it full to the breeze.

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The Money Order, Registry and Stamp Clerks and Engineer Asked to Resign.

THE weather is very cold for the republican employes of the Fort Wayne postoffice. A few days ago Postmaster Rockhill wrote to Washington, D. C., to the postmaster general, asking what employes of this office were employed under the civil service rule. It seems that on a technicality, or rather an expansion of the powers at Washington, the money order clerk, the registry clerk and the stamp clerk, the employes of the office who handle the money may be exempt from the civil service rules. Acting on the advices from Washington, Postmaster Rockhill has asked for the resignations of George D. Adams, money order clerk, Clarence Swann, registry clerk, and Peter Poirson, stamp clerk. These three men have been faithful to the wants of the public and duties of the government, and will retire from the service with clean and honorable records. They have filled their positions to entire satisfaction.

In an interview with Postmaster Rockhill this afternoon, he said that no changes had been made in the postoffice as yet, but it was learned by the NEWS reporter, semi-officially, that Charles Benet, recently of Coombs & Co., would succeed George Adams and Councilman Buck's brother would take the position filled by Peter Poirson.

ANOTHER REMOVAL.

Civil service rules do not apply to the engineer at the government building, and therefore, Mr. John Young, the efficient officer in charge of the government's boilers at the postoffice has been asked to tender his resignation, to make way for some ambitious member of the opposition. Mr. Young will probably go out at the end of the present week, and his successor will be soon announced. Here is a good job for some one who likes fat pay for easy work, and applicants will do well not to wait too long, for the place will not go begging for some one to hold it down.

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CONSTERNATION

At the Postoffice Caused by a Little Discovery.

Internal and External Commotion Because Mr. Buck Is a Republican.

It was learned at the postoffice yesterday by Postmaster Rockhill and his Democratic deputies that William Buck, of Jackson, Mich., the man chosen to succeed Peter Poirson as stamp clerk, had voted the Republican ticket, and the knowledge brought consternation into camp. There was no end of whispering in all departments and knowing shakes of the head. The thought that Mr. Rockhill was so callous to the pleadings of hungry applicants within the three mile circle as to chose a man from the suburb of Jackson, an even one hundred miles away, was a solemn one, but that he should go away up into the Wolverine state and choose a Republican for the petty little office of stamp clerk, passing by a double line of beckoning and bowing Democrats in this city, was a paralyzer.

The postoffice was besieged most of yesterday by Democratic citizens who had pointers to give the postmaster about the Republicanism of Mr. Buck, of Jackson, and the perfect fitness of certain young gentlemen living ninety-five or more miles nearer to the Fort Wayne postoffice than Mr. Buck lives. And these people had a good deal to say, too, and they said it all with emphasis suited to a much colder day. It was rumored toward evening that although Mr. Buck had all his effects packed up to move to this city, he would not get the job; that his hopes would be dashed to the ground and the idol of his political ambition broken to atoms on the baked earth of the midsummer time by a telegram telling him "he was not in it," or words meaning in effect that this was "a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip."

CHOPPED 'EM OFF.

Heads of Three Mail Carriers Fall in the Basket.

Postmaster Rockhill Dismisses Gallmeier, Wright and Ashley—Appoints Richter, Mehl and Martin.

Postmaster Rockhill's official axe came down heavily upon the necks of three well known mail carriers last evening, and the civil service balloon in which the carriers have imagined they were safely riding through clouds of adversity, has been punctured as though by a bolt of lightning. The three carriers who were asked to resign are: Fred W. Gallmeier, whose route was on the east side; N. W. Wright, who carried at Lakeside and in the northeastern part of the city, and George L. Ashley, whose route was on the west side.

REFUSED TO RESIGN.

Postmaster Rockhill was seen early this morning by a SENTINEL representative. He said: "It is a fact that I have asked for the resignation of three of the carriers, Messrs. Gallmeier, Wright and Ashley."

"How can you do it under civil service rules?" was asked.

"You can rest assured that I will do nothing except what is in accordance with postal laws and in regular order," was the reply.

"Have the carriers accepted your request to resign?"

"No, two of them refuse, but they

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Out just the same. I do not desire to have any quarrel, but you can say that the men were dismissed for cause."

"What was the cause?"

"As to that I would rather not say. There is certainly a cause or they would not have been discharged."

Mr. Rockhill then showed the reporter a reply from Commissioner Roosevelt, of the civil service commission, at Washington, to a discharged employe at Terre Haute, Ind., who had "kicked" to headquarters about his removal. The reply is as follows: "In reply to your telegram of July 5, addressed to Commissioner Roosevelt, stating that you have been removed from the postal service at Terre Haute without cause, you are informed that the commission can take no action in the matter, unless it is alleged, with offer of proof, that the removal was for political reasons."

It appears evident that the three carriers discharged from the Fort Wayne office will have to prove that they were discharged for polical reasons.

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THREE NEW MEN

Have already been appointed. Ashley has been succeeded by Paul Richler; Gallmeier, by Amos K. Mehl, and Wright, by Henry W. Martin. The two latter went to work this morning and Richter will report for duty on Friday. All three of the new men recently took examinations. Their gradings were as follows: Mehl, 86.58; Richter, 77.75, and Martin, 74.28.

"What are the politics of the three new carriers," was asked of Postmaster Rockhill.

"I don't know. They were examined and found competent and the civil service takes no cognizance of politics."

WRIGHT INTERVIEWED.

N. W. Wright was seen at his home, No. 90 West Williams street. He said: "I do not know what I was discharged for, as Mr. Rockhill did not inform me. I am also sure that none of the other men were given any good reason. We are all three republicans and I understand that our successors are all democrats. Does not this look like a clear violation of civil service? I do not propose to resign and intend to have my dismissal come in its regular way as prescribed by civil service rules. Charges will have to be preferred against me and a man sent on here from Washington to investigate. I think the other two men will unite with me in giving Postmaster Rockhill all the trouble possible."

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ROCKHILL'S STARTER.

THREE REPUBLICANS ARE RELEASED FROM SERVICE.

Three Good Democrats are Put In Their Places—A Travesty on Civil Service.

REAL civil service and undefiled is this—that to the victors belong the spoils. This morning early, Mailcarriers N. W. Wright, F. W. Gallmeier and G. L. Ashley, all republicans, were given summary notice to stop work, while H. W. Martin, A. K. Mehl and P. Richter, democrats, were employed to fill the other men's places.

When Mr. Rockhill was seen about the matter, he smiled and said: "The men were removed for the good of the service." In vain was he pleaded with to give some distinct reason for the discharging of the men, but the genial postmaster only continued to smile and would but repeat that it was "for the good of the service."

The most the postmaster could do to relieve the suspicion which always attaches itself to men who are discharged, was to say that they were not guilty of anything criminal other than being republican in politics. When asked if he was going to remove anyone else, he smiled again and admitted that he first wanted to see how the thing would work. The men will probably not take up the matter.

It is rumored this afternoon that Letter-carriers Banks and Soliday will be removed in a few days. It is said that the charge against Gallmeyer is, that he talked politics on his route.

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THE POSTMASTER CREATES A KNOTTY POLITICAL TANGLE.

A Clever Scheme to Manipulate a Political Deal, Occasions a Holy Row—Blood on the Face of the Moon.

The political pot has already commenced to boil and unless closely watched it will bubble over and put out the fire. Postmaster Rockhill does not find his sea as smooth as perhaps he had pictured it and the very first thing, he bumped up against a snag with a dull thud. Mr. Rockhill is a pretty smooth article though, I thank you, and it will require more than one bump to knock him off his equilibrium.

To conciliate a certain faction of the German lutheran element who were more or less soured by the failure of Billy Meyer to get Mr. Rockill's appointment, Mr. Rockhill said that if they wanted an appointment under him, they should agree upon a man and send in his name and he would be taken care of. The gentlemen consulted and agreed upon a brother of councilman Buck, who was recommended for the position of stamp clerk. Mr. Rockhill didn't know Mr. Buck, but that cut no figure and he was given the appointment. Buck was an express messenger and had his "day over" at Jackson, Mich., although this was his home. He accordingly resigned his position with the express company and came to this city to take his position in Mr. Rockhill's domain. Meantime the gay and festive politician has been tolerably busy and Mr. Rockhill was horrified to hear that Mr. Buck was not a resident of this state even, and worse than all was a red hot republican. This was a stunner and, of course, the postmaster was obliged to notify Mr. Buck that he couldn't use him in his business. In vain did Mr. Buck's friends protest that he was a [illegible] politician, which he was [illegible] by both parties as a democrat. Mr. Rockhill said no and that settled it. Now Mr. Buck proposes to sue Mr. Rockhill for damages for having induced him to resign a good position under promise of giving him another one and then unceremoniously firing him out in the cold. Mr. Buck out of the way and the lutherans hotter than wet hens, Mr. Rockhill saw that something had to be done and that mighty quick and so a clever idea to kill two birds with one stone was presented and it struck Mr. Rockhill as being so confoundedly clever that he laughed in his sleep about it. Mr. Otto Herbst, another German lutheran, is desirous of occupying city clerk Reinewahl's chair at the expiration of that gentleman's term, but unfortunately Mr. W. C. Baade, another German lutheran also has aspirations in the same direction. It was then suggested that Mr. Baade be given the appointment for which Mr. Buck had been selected. This would satisfy Baade's friends and by providing a place for him would leave the field comparatively clear for Mr. Herbst. This was a double play that could not be equalled by a throw to the home plate from center field. Herbst's friends would be delighted, Baade's friends would just be tickled to death, harmony would prevail and everything would be as serene as a nigger picnic, while Mr. Rockhill's fame as a political manager would spread from ocean to ocean. He had forgotten Mr. Buck's friends, however, who continue to rare up on their hind legs and paw up the earth in great chunks. Their feelings were not mitigated any either when Mr. Rockhill announced the appointment of young Mr. Craw. Young Mr. Craw is not yet of age so he really has no political status, but his father, E. L. Craw, is known the county over as one of the blackest, deepest dyed in the wool republicans that ever cast a vote. Craw will, under great pressure, admit that all democrats are not horse thieves, but he will never admit that all horse thieves are not democrats. As stated young Mr. Craw has no political status but his mother, who is a sister to the postmaster, is said to be a democrat and it is warmly urged that the younger Craw takes after his mother runs in the family on his mother's side, so to speak. This explanation, while it suits Mr. Rockhill first rate, does not strike the Buck faction at the right spot, and they are more or less on the war path, threaten all sorts of things and conspire to make life a miserable nightmare for the affable postmaster. Just what the termination of the muddle will be of course no one can even guess, but it looks now as though things were going to be pretty badly mixed up and that a jolly fight will be precipitated by Mr. Rockhill's stragistic moves which somehow are always loaded at the wrong end.

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RUMOR RUN DOWN.

Truth About That Fort Wayne Postoffice Shortage.

G. C. Holden, an Inspector, Says the Indianapolis Newspaper Men Misrepresented Him.

Sometime about the first of August ex-Postmaster Higgins, who is also correspondent for a Chicago daily, was astonished to receive a message from his paper instructing him to be on the lookout for a report of an alleged shortage of great magnitude which had just been discovered in the Fort Wayne postoffice. Mr. Higgins saw the humor of the message through the grim seriousness of its tenor and wired back that he ought to know of it if anybody did and would look the matter up. Postmaster Rockhill, who had been in office only a day or so at that time, wrote to the postmaster general at Washington and traced the matter down. Mr. Rockhill's letter was referred to Hon. A. C. Bearse, inspector in charge, of this district, with headquarters at Cincinnati. It was learned that the report had been accredited to G. C. Holden, an inspector under Mr. Bearse, and a letter from that gentleman explains the whole origin of the malicious rumor. The letter is as follows:

Hon. A. C. Bearse, Inspector in Charge, Cincinnati, Ohio.

SIR:—Permit me to state for your information and the information of Postmaster Rockhill that the newspaper articles mentioned are entirely without foundation except in the mind of the space writer who wrote them, and the fact that I spent a few hours in Indianapolis investigating a depredation that occurred some weeks before in the state of Ohio. No mention was made by me, or by any of the officials with whom I was conferring, of any irregularity in any postoffice whatever, and never having heard of any irregularity in the Fort Wayne postoffice under its present management. I regret exceedingly that my name was used in the connection referred to. I am of the opinion that an investigation is entirely unnecessary. Very respectfully,

G. C. HOLDEN, Inspector.

News Oct 12/93

Chicago Herald

Fort Wayne Postmaster Is Sustained.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Oct. 12.—Several weeks ago Postmaster Rockhill dismissed Letter Carriers Gallmeier, Wright and Ashley and put democrats in their places. Later Clerk Niedhammer, of the mailing department, was also dismissed. These four men appealed to the civil service board. This morning Postmaster Rockhill received official notice from Washington to the effect that the dismissals were made in strict accordance with the rules of the civil service.

THEY MUST GO.

ROCKHILL SUSTAINED BY THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.

Discharged Republican Postoffice Employes Must Give Way Gracefully to Democrats.

SMILE stole over the face of Postmaster Rockhill this morning as he opened a letter from the civil service bureau at Washington, D. C. When asked by the NEWS reporter if any changes had been made in the postoffice recently, he facetiously said "No," with a merry ring in the tone of expression. "But the changes I have already made have been confirmed by the civil service commission.

Several weeks ago Letter Carriers Gallmeier, Wright and Ashley were dismissed and democrats put in their places. Later, Clerk Niedhammer, of the mailing department, was also dismissed. These four men appealed to the civil service board for "protection," alleging in their petition for a hearing that Postmaster Rockhill had dismissed them for purely political reasons which was entirely discordant with the principals of the civil service laws. A civil service inspector was sent here to investigate the affairs of the postoffice and make a report after hearing the testimony of the dismissed employes and Postmaster Rockhill. This investigation was made three weeks ago. This morning Postmaster Rockhill received an official notice from Washington, D. C., to the effect that the dismissals were made in strict accordance with the rules of the civil service and the charges made against the released employes were sufficient grounds for their retirement from the government service.

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WILL FIGHT ROCKHILL.

The Republican Mail Carriers Have Engaged R. S. Robertson.

The names of the three mail carriers mentioned in yesterday's GAZETTE as probably discharged by Postmaster Rockhill were correct, and the heads were actually chopped off Messrs. Gallmeier, Ashley and Wright. Three new men have been appointed in the places of the men dismissed as follows: Paul Richter to succeed Ashley, whose route is on the west side; Amos K. Mehl to succeed Gallmeier, whose route is on the east side; and Henry W. Martin to succeed Wright who had the Lakeside route. Mehl and Martin went to work yesterday morning and Richter reports for duty to-morrow. Wright said: "I do not know what I was discharged for, as Mr. Rockhill did not inform me. I am also sure that none of the other men were given any good reason. We are all three Republicans and I understand that our successors are all Democrats. Does not this look like a clear violation of civil service? I do not propose to resign and intend to have my dismissal come in its regular way as prescribed by civil service rules. Charges will have to be preferred against me and a man sent on here from Washington to investigate. I think the other two men will unite with me in giving Postmaster Rockhill all the trouble possible."

Concerning the authority of Postmaster Rockhill to remove employes whose service comes under the civil service rules a gentleman thoroughly posted on United States laws and the postoffice department rules up to date, said yesterday to a GAZETTE reporter: "The postmaster is obliged to make a monthly report on the tenth day of every month to the civil service commission. According to the law he has to report all discharges, promotions and appointments for the thirty days prior to th
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"FIRING" THEM.

Republicans Walk the Plank at the Postoffice.

"The Good of the Service" and What That Means to Mr. Rockhill.

Four more employes of the postoffice have been fired. Mail Carriers John B. Reitze, John A. Soliday and William M. Slater were "fired" yesterday and Frank Morgan, distributor at the postoffice, was fired Saturday night by Postmaster Rockhill.

George D. Piepenbrink, Frank A. Manuel and William F. Kanning were appointed as carriers, and James W. Worden was appointed as the new distributor. Robert A. McCulloch takes the position formerly held by Mr. Worden, who has been a stamper.

"Why were these people discharged?" asked a GAZETTE reporter of Assistant Postmaster Keplinger.

"For the good of the service," he replied with a smile.

"But these people were all Republicans and their successors are all Democrats, eh, Mr. Keplinger?"

"I don't know what their political affiliations are. Postmaster Rockhill is not in, but if he was here I think he would tell you that he did not know. They were chosen from the government's official eligible list without inquiry as to their political beliefs."

To the Evening Sentinel in answer to a question whether any charges had been preferred against the discharged men, the postmaster smiled and replied:

"The changes were made for the good of the service. That is all I have to say."

It will be observed by the citizens that Mr. Slater, who was discharged was at the time of his discharge, chairman of the civil service committee. His dismissal leaves no Republican member of the civil service committee. Mr. Slater was also a member of the National Letter Carriers' association, and as such was influential and respectable. He was too good a man to suit Mr. Rockhill or "de gang."

The others were all good men in the service, not greenhorns, but true and tried, experienced and faithful. Their dismissal for new men is for "the good of the service" in Mr. Rockhill's opinion, whatever "the good of the service" means to him.

Just who will be fired to-day is not known, but it is understood that there are very few Republicans left and that "de gang" has sworn to have the scalps of the few remaining

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Hon. A. C. Bearse, Inspector in Charge, Cincinnati, Ohio.

SIR:—Permit me to state for your information and the information of Postmaster Rockhill that the newspaper articles mentioned are entirely without foundation except in the mind of the space writer who wrote them, and the fact that I spent a few hours in Indianapolis investigating a depredation that occurred some weeks before in the state of Ohio. No mention was made by me, or by any of the officials with whom I was conferring, of any irregularity in any postoffice whatever, and never having heard of any irregularity in the Fort Wayne postoffice under its present management. I regret exceedingly that my name was used in the connection referred to. I am of the opinion that an investigation is entirely unnecessary. Very respectfully,

G. C. HOLDEN, Inspector.

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Fort Wayne Postmaster Is Sustained.

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ROCKHILL SUSTAINED BY THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.

Discharged Republican Postoffice Employes Must Give Way Gracefully to Democrats.

SMILE stole over the face of Postmaster Rockhill this morning as he opened a letter from the civil service bureau at Washington, D. C. When asked by the NEWS reporter if any changes had been made in the postoffice recently, he facetiously said "No," with a merry ring in the tone of expression. "But the changes I have already made have been confirmed by the civil service commission.

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WILL FIGHT ROCKHILL.

The Republican Mail Carriers Have Engaged R. S. Robertson.

The names of the three mail carriers mentioned in yesterday's GAZETTE as probably discharged by Postmaster Rockhill were correct, and the heads were actually chopped off Messrs. Gallmeier, Ashley and Wright. Three new men have been appointed in the places of the men dismissed as follows: Paul Richter to succeed Ashley, whose route is on the west side; Amos K. Mehl to succeed Gallmeier, whose route is on the east side; and Henry W. Martin to succeed Wright who had the Lakeside route. Mehl and Martin went to work yesterday morning and Richter reports for duty to-morrow. Wright said: "I do not know what I was discharged for, as Mr. Rockhill did not inform me. I am also sure that none of the other men were given any good reason. We are all three Republicans and I understand that our successors are all Democrats. Does not this look like a clear violation of civil service? I do not propose to resign and intend to have my dismissal come in its regular way as prescribed by civil service rules. Charges will have to be preferred against me and a man sent on here from Washington to investigate. I think the other two men will unite with me in giving Postmaster Rockhill all the trouble possible."

Concerning the authority of Postmaster Rockhill to remove employes whose service comes under the civil service rules a gentleman thoroughly posted on United States laws and the postoffice department rules up to date, said yesterday to a GAZETTE reporter: "The postmaster is obliged to make a monthly report on the tenth day of every month to the civil service commission. According to the law he has to report all discharges, promotions and appointments for the thirty days prior to the date of the report, and if he discharges a man he has to show cause why he is discharged. This report goes to the civil service commission and does not go to the postmaster general at all. At present the local board of examiners consists of but two men, owing to the resignation of George D. Adams as chairman of the board. No new appointment has been made, leaving the board with one Republican, William Slater, the old secretary, and one Democrat, A. K. Mehl, the new member.

"As to appointments of mail carriers I have a word to say. One of the Democratic carriers recently appointed, Martin by name, is not a blooming success. He made so many 'bucks' that he had to be replaced by another man, who is now carrying his route.

"Harvey C. Niedhammer, a Republican, was discharged from the mailing department while he was sick at home, receiving no word from the postmaster about it until after he returned and found another man in his place. Dr. Barnett, a dyed-in-the-wool Democrat, who was Niedhammer's physician, came down to the postoffice when he heard of this and made it very warm for Mr. Rockhill for the space of about fifteen minutes.

"The Republican boys propose to stick together and see this thing out. I understand they have engaged Col. R. S. Robertson as their counsel to bring a test case resisting dismissal for purely political reasons. I am sure there are no charges against these men that Mr. Rockhill is willing to come out publicly and proclaim. The real charge against them is that they are Republicans, although Mr. Rockhill and every other Democrat will admit that they are good mail carriers."

The postoffice building has had a dark front since Mr. Rockhill has been at the helm. The two large street lamps in front of the federal building and belonging to it have not been lighted once since Mr. Rockhill went into office, notwithstanding the fact that the government is paying a regular price to have them burning. They were always burning at night when Mr. Higgins was postmaster. Darkness seems to suit Democracy pretty well, but Republicans like light.

The Prettiest Baby in Fort Wayne.

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"FIRING" THEM.

Republicans Walk the Plank at the Postoffice.

"The Good of the Service" and What That Means to Mr. Rockhill.

Four more employes of the postoffice have been fired. Mail Carriers John B. Reitze, John A. Soliday and William M. Slater were "fired" yesterday and Frank Morgan, distributor at the postoffice, was "fired" Saturday night by Postmaster Rockhill.

George D. Plepenbrink, Frank A. Manuel and William F. Kanning were appointed as carriers, and James W. Worden was appointed as the new distributor. Robert A. McCulloch takes the position formerly held by Mr. Worden, who has been a stamper.

"Why were these people discharged?" asked a GAZETTE reporter of Assistant Postmaster Keplinger.

"For the good of the service," he replied with a smile.

"But these people were all Republicans and their successors are all Democrats, eh, Mr. Keplinger?"

"I don't know what their political affiliations are. Postmaster Rockhill is not in, but if he was here I think he would tell you that he did not know. They were chosen from the government's official eligible list without inquiry as to their political beliefs."

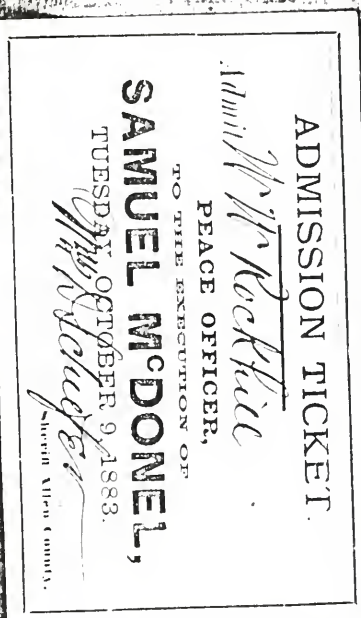
To the Evening Sentinel in answer to a question whether any charges had been preferred against the discharged men, the postmaster smiled and replied:

"The changes were made for the good of the service. That is all I have to say."

It will be observed by the citizens that Mr. Slater, who was discharged, was at the time of his discharge, chairman of the civil service committee. His dismissal leaves no Republican member of the civil service committee. Mr. Slater was also a member of the National Letter Carriers' association, and as such was influential and respectable. He was too good a man to suit Mr. Rockhill or "de gang."

The others were all good men in the service, not greenhorns, but true and tried, experienced and faithful. Their dismissal for new men is for "the good of the service" in Mr. Rockhill's opinion, whatever "the good of the service" means to him.

Just who will be fired to-day is not known, but it is understood that there are very few Republicans left and that "de gang" has sworn to have the scalps of the few remaining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PEACE OFFICER,
TO THE EXECUTION OF
SAMUEL McDONEL,
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1883.
Thos. J. Snyder
Sheriff Allen County.

JES 'FORE CHRISTMAS.

I.

Father calls me William, sister calls me Will,
Mother calls me Willie but the fellers call me Bill.
Mighty glad I ain't a girl—rather be a boy
Without them sashes, curls an' things that's worn by Fauntleroy.
Love to chawnk green apples an' go swimmin' in the lake—
Hate to take the castor-ile they give fr belly-ache!
Most all the time the hull yer roun' there ain't no flies on me,
But jes' 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I kin be!

II.

Got a yaller dog named Sport—sick 'im on the cat,
Fust thing she knows she doesn't know where she is at!
Got a clipper-sled, an' when us boys goes out to slide
'Long comes the grocery cart an' we all hook a ride!
But, sometimes, when the grocery man is worried and cross,
He reaches at me with his whip, and larrups up his hoss;
An' then I laff and holler: "Oh, you never teched me!"
But jes' 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I kin be!

III

Grandma says she hopes that when I get to be a man
I'll be a missionerer like her oldest brother Dan,
As wuz cut up by the cannibals that lives in Ceylon's Isle,
Where every pizen pesky place you—all man is vile!
But grandma she had never been to see a Wild West show,
Or read the life uv Daniel Boone, or else I guess she'd know
That Buffalo Bill an' Crockett—[illegible] time
Except jes' 'fore Christmas, when I'm as good as I kin be!

IV

Then ol' Sport he hates cat and, so sullum like an still
His eyes they seem a-sayin', "What's er matter, little Bill?"
The cat she sneaks down off her perch, a wondering what's become
Uv them two enemies uv hern that used to make thing hum!
But I am so perlite and stick so earnest like to biz,
That mother says to father: "How improved our Will he is!"
But father, havin' been a boy himself, suspicions me,
When jes' 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I kin be!

V.

For Christmas, with its lots an' lots uv candies, cakes an' toys,
Wuz made, they say, fr proper kids, an' not fr naughty boys!
So wash yer face, and brush yer hair, an' mind yer p's an' q's,
An' don't bust out yer pantaloons—an' don't wear out yer shoes;
Say yes sum to the ladies, an' yer ma to the man,
An' when they's comp'ny don't p-r-e-s yer plate fr pie again;
But—laugh at my the things you'd like to have them fellers bring,
Jes 'fore Christmas he as good as you kin be!

Eugene Field.

ARE RE-ELECTED TRUSTEES OF FORT WAYNE COMMANDERY FOR TWENTY-SIXTH CONSECUTIVE TIME.

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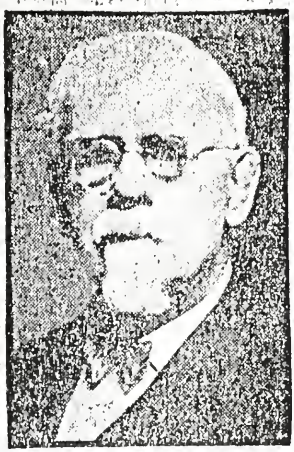

ALFRED HATTERSLEY.

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W. W. ROCKHILL.

Fort Wayne commandery, No. 4, Knights Templar, at its meeting Thursday night, re-elected Alfred Hattersley, William Geake and W. W. Rockhill as trustees for the twenty-sixth consecutive time. Other officers elected are as follows: Byron H. Summers, eminent commander; Walter Cook, generalissimo; L. S. Nold, captain; Dr. C. B. Stemen, prelate; Stoudet, senior warden; F. H. junior warden; W. W. Rockhill, urer; J. K. McCracken, recorder.

CHAMPAIGN GETS A FAST MARK.

Red Bell, by Red Wilkes, Lowers the Record to 2:14.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Aug. 30.—One of the largest crowds, perhaps 15,000 persons, ever in attendance at the Champaign County fair was in attendance to-day and witnessed, in addition to three excellent races, the breaking of the track record in three successive heats. The track record was 2:19¼, made several years ago by Joe Davis. This year the association hung up an additional $100 as an inducement for fast going. The track was fast and in the free-for-all pace Red Bell, by Red Wilkes, went after the mark in the first heat. He went the half in 1:06 and finished in 2:14¼. He cut off a quarter second in the second heat and in the third went in 2:14 and could easily have gone lower. The mark gives the track the next to the fastest half-mile track record in the United States. Paem will go after the track record to-morrow: Results:

Free-for-all pace—Purse $400

Red Bell, ch h, by Red Wilkes (Fleming)	1	1	1
Forest Wilkes, b h, (McKahn)	2	2	2
Redskin, ch g (Chinn)	3	3	3

Time 2:14¼, 2:14¾, 2:14.

2:15 trot—Purse $150

Pay Gordon, b m, by Washingham (Shoemaker)	1	1	2	1
Frenzy L., s m, by Bay Ethen (Hazleton)	2	2	1	2
Jim Blaine, b h (Gold)	3	4	3	3
Elsie Collins, b m	4	3	4	4

Time 2:30¼, 2:32¼, 2:30¼, 2:30¾.

2:30 pace—Purse $150

Jamie Wendy, s m, by Unknown (Goodwin)	1	3	1	2	1
Lady H., b m, by Hilate (Hooker)	2	1	2	1	2
Billy Pardue, b g (Scott)	3	2	3	3	3

Time 2:35¼, 2:34¼, 2:35, 2:31¾, 2:31¾.

One mile dash—Dutton, first, Hopper, second; Flaunt R., third. Time, 1:52¾.

A POSTMASTER VINDICATED.

The Discharge of the Five Ft. Wayne Clerks Indorsed.

FT. WAYNE, Oct. 12.—Special.—Several weeks ago Postmaster Rockhill discharged four republican letter carriers and one mailing clerk, filling the vacancies thus created with democrats.

The discharged employes made an appeal to the civil service commission for a hearing and an inspector arrived three weeks ago to make an investigation. The retired men claimed that the dismissals were made exclusively for political reasons. This morning Postmaster Rockhill received an official communication from Washington to the effect that his proceedings were in strict accordance with the civil service laws.

The charges preferred against the dismissed men were of sufficient weight to make the removals not only legal but advisable, said the official notice.

NO CHANCE FOR SLATER.

Mr. Bissell Refuses to Reinstate the Fort Wayne Letter Carrier.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Postmaster General Bissell today gave a hearing to Letter Carrier John Slater, whose case has been before the department for some time past. Slater was dismissed from the service on the 29th of last October by Postmaster Rockhill, of Fort Wayne. The postmaster general refused to reinstate Slater.

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HE IS WARM.

Fort Wayne's Postmaster Has a Grievance Against the Gazette.

Our worthy postmaster is warm under the collar. In fact, he is as hot as Shambaugh's stove was on Friday morning. This worthy, whose removals of members of his force have shown so little regard for civil service rules as to place him in some peril as to his official position, has a genuine grievance this time. The GAZETTE subscribers at Wallen missed their Daily and Weekly GAZETTE owing to the fact that their postoffice has been taken away from them by their cantankerous postmaster. Some of them reported that the GAZETTE had not been sent up to Wallen on the day the office was removed, that they were retained here and that they called at the Fort Wayne postoffice for their papers and could not get them.

Now comes the choleric postmaster, and says that the GAZETTES were not delivered to him in time that morning to be placed on the first mail, and that it is not true that the Wallen subscribers cannot get their papers by calling at the Fort Wayne postoffice.

We give Mr. Rockhill the benefit of his statement, and hereby call the attention of our Wallen friends to the fact that until further notice they can receive their GAZETTES at the Fort Wayne postoffice.

Mr. Rockhill's criticism that the GAZETTE should have called on him to inquire as to the truth of its statements before publication only needs this reply, to-wit: That his party leaders have found it necessary to seek the counsel of the editor of this paper for some days past, occupying thereby so much of his time that many of the ordinary details of editorial management have to be abbreviated.

SLATER REINSTATED.

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The case has attracted a good deal of attention from the fact that Slater is an officer of the United States letter carrier's association and prominent in all the movements of that organization. It is thought by his friends that the postmaster marked him for dismissal because of his being a "shining mark," as it were, and because the dismissal would show that the psotmaster intended to be boss of his own office in every respect.

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Our worthy postmaster is warm under the collar. In fact, he is as hot as Shambaugh's stove was on Friday morning. This worthy, whose removals of members of his force have shown so little regard for civil service rules as to place him in some peril as to his official position, has a genuine grievance this time. The GAZETTE subscribers at Wallen missed their Daily and Weekly GAZETTE owing to the fact that their postoffice has been taken away from them by their cantankerous postmaster. Some of them reported that the GAZETTE had not been sent up to Wallen on the day the office was removed, that they were retained here and that they called at the Fort Wayne postoffice for their papers and could not get them.

Now comes the choleric postmaster, and says that the GAZETTES were not delivered to him in time that morning to be placed on the first mail, and that it is not true that the Wallen subscribers cannot get their papers by calling at the Fort Wayne postoffice.

We give Mr. Rockhill the benefit of his statement, and hereby call the attention of our Wallen friends to the fact that until further notice they can receive their GAZETTES at the Fort Wayne postoffice.

Mr. Rockhill's criticism that the GAZETTE should have called on him to inquire as to the truth of its statements before publication only needs this reply, to-wit: That his party leaders have found it necessary to seek the counsel of the editor of this paper for some days past, occupying thereby so much of his time that many of the ordinary details of editorial management have to be abbreviated.

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A Republican Letter Carrier Succeeds a Newly Appointed Democrat at the Postoffice.

A few weeks ago Postmaster Rockhill dismissed William Slater, a republican letter carrier, for the good of the service, and William F. Kanning, a democrat, was appointed to succeed him. Slater was local secretary of the civil service examining board. To-day Slater was reinstated by Postmaster Rockhill for some reason or other, and he will go back on his old route next Monday. Wm. F. Kanning, the democrat appointed to succeed him, will be dismissed from the service.

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Saturday, Feb. 3, 1894.

The *Journal* this morning makes a most vicious attack upon the gentlemen whom Postmaster Rockhill recently discharged "for the good of the service," denouncing them as a "gang of political pirates." The spirit of the editorial in Mr. Rockhill's paper is in line with the spirit that led to the dismissal of some of these men. They were discharged because they were republicans, and not for the good of the service. This everybody knows, because, among those discharged were some of the most capable and obliging carriers that ever served the people of Fort Wayne. They have engaged in other pursuits, and are seeking to make an honorable livelihood, and for the postmaster's paper to follow them with denunciation as a "gang of political pirates," comes with exceeding poor grace from a newspaper that is milking the city, the county and the general government.

WE LICK 'EM.

$67,000 WORTH OF STAMPS SOLD IN THIS CITY.

The Fiscal Year's Business in the Fort Wayne Postoffice Settled Last Night.

News 4-7-94

Last evening Postmaster Rockhill and his assistant, Mr. Frank Keplinger, closed up the affairs of the Fort Wayne postoffice for the fiscal year ending March 31. The total receipts during the year from the sale of stamps, amounted to $67,000, about $1,000 more than the receipts of the office at the close of the year in March, 1893. Since January 1 the receipts have fallen off slightly, due possibly to the hard times.

The total expenditure of the office for the last fiscal year amounted to $28,000 This year the expense will be increased owing to the operation of the cancelling machine, which amounts to about $500 per annum. Another additional expense over last year will be the salaries of the night mailing clerk. The Star routes out of Fort Wayne are unchanged, being the same as they have been for several years.

The Fort Wayne postoffice will remain unchanged as to the class till the receipts of the office amount to $80,000, when the salary of the postmaster will be increased from $3,200 paid at present, to $3,300.

The writer has before him an extract from the sixth report of the United States civil service commission, 1889. It was written by Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, who is still a member of the commission. From it we make the following quotation:

It is not contended that the system is ideally perfect; no governmental methods are. From time to time there have been shown certain defects in the working of the civil service law and rules, though most of these defects have been, and it is believed that the majority of the remainder soon will be, remedied. But it is most emphatically contended that the merit system shows to very great advantage when compared with any other, whether actual or proposed, and this is especially the case when the comparison is made with the patronage system, which it is now slowly but surely supplanting.

Four years ago the above was written. Since then, every democratic letter-carrier who served under Cleveland's first administration, in this city, has been compelled to make way for a republican, and every republican letter-carrier who was thus appointed, is either gone, or is booked to go by Postmaster Rockhill "for the good of the service." After the Fort Wayne postoffice passed under the control of Mr. Roosevelt's commission, it was supposed that "the merit system" would apply, and so, when Mr. Rockhill's axe began its work of decapitation on some of the most efficient carriers, there was a feeble protest and an agent of the "United States Civil Service Commission" was sent to investigate. He came to Fort Wayne; he saw whomsoever he wished; and he whitewashed the "for the good of the service" theory in great shape, informing the postmaster that he could dismiss as many republicans "for the good of the service" as he desired, and fill their places with untried democrats to his heart's content. Now, if Mr. Roosevelt will explain to us how he expects the "merit system" to supplant the "patronage system" under such "reform" as this, we will be much obliged to him, and will retract our comparison of the members of the civil service commission to Ali Baba and the other thieves.

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REPORT OF THE INDIANA CIVIL SERVICE ASSOCIATION.

This "Self-constituted Guardian" Concludes Its Investigation of Ft. Wayne's Postmaster—Not Much Material Out of Which to Make Republican Politics.

The Indiana civil service reform association met at the Denison house last night to hear the report of the committee appointed by its president to investigate charges against Postmaster Rockhill of Ft. Wayne. There were present at the meeting William Dudley Foulke of Richmond, president of the association; Lucius B. Swift of Indianapolis, editor of the Civil Service Chronicle; Charles R. Lane of Indianapolis, secretary of the association; Lewis Howland, the Rev. F. E. Dewhurst and Evans Woollen of this city.

The charges against the Ft. Wayne postmaster were that he had discharged a number of employes for political reasons. The committee spent two days making the investigation and took the written testimony of eleven discharged employes, four men now in office, C. R. Higgins, the former postmaster, and a number of citizens of Ft. Wayne. This testimony was read by the committee to Postmaster Rockhill and his statement regarding each man's testimony noted.

All this was submitted to the association by the committee, and from this the committee made its report, copies of which will be sent to the president of the United States, the postmaster-general and to the civil service commission.

All the appointments made by Rockhill, the report will show, were from the list certified by the civil service commission, and it did not appear that the men were appointed on account of any political work. Three of the democrats selected had acted as substitutes under the republican postmaster. There were but a few republicans who took the examination, being deterred from applying upon the belief that they were not to be appointed. The principal complaint against Mr. Rockhill was not that he made improper appointments, but that he dismissed men because they were republicans. As to all republicans dismissed, it appeared, says the report, that in no instance was any statement made to the man dismissed of any charge or complaint against him until after he had been dismissed from the service.

The report here takes up each case of dismissal and draws its conclusions from the testimony taken at Ft. Wayne. Of the eleven men discharged only two were dismissed for reasons which this republican committee could consider purely political. Concerning one it was doubtful. One of the carriers had been dismissed for leaving a part of his mail in a cigar store while he covered a part of his route. This is strictly forbidden and always results in dismissal when discovered. Others were dismissed for delivering mail to persons other than those to whom it was addressed, and others for holding mail in the office.

The cases which the association is positive about are of two carriers, one of whom was dismissed on a charge which the committee finds was not reported to the postmaster until after the date of the discharge; the other for not delivering a letter which the committee found was ordered held by the addressee. The report prepared by the association closes as follows:

"In conclusion, it appears to us that with two, or possibly three exceptions the removals of employes who were in the classified service when Mr. Rockhill became postmaster were either without cause or for causes which [illegible] of having been trumped up to make vacancies. Some of these removals seem to have been effected by a letter saying, 'Your resignation will be accepted,' and putting a new man in his place, though no resignation was ever given. Whether these were reported as resignations the records of the post-office department at Washington will disclose.

"We are pleased to note an improvement in respect to the political activity among employes since the classification of this office, which is undoubtedly due to the civil service law. We desire to express our earnest remonstrance against a system which permits employes to be removed upon charges which they are not permitted to see or to answer. Such a system is unjust, unfair, unnecessary. We submit that a fair-minded business man, when dissatisfied with his employe, does not find it difficult to state the causes of his dissatisfaction. If these are not removed the man is properly discharged. But to prefer, in the dark, charges against a subordinate's conduct or character and to inform him for the first time of any complaint after he has been turned out, is unreasonable and pernicious. Even in this respect, however, there appears to have been some improvement upon the methods of the past eight years. During much of this time the man was never permitted to know the charges which, often untrue and baseless, were filed against them in the departments. Now, however, the postmaster-general appears to furnish this information, but too late to be of any practical value. Reinstatement, even where an error has been made, is difficult to be secured. We believe that reasonable information of the ground of complaint should, as a general rule, be given to the person whom it is proposed to remove before final action is taken."

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A Broad Admission.

An evening paper quotes Postmaster Rockhill to the effect that the grounds of action for the discharge of Republicans from the postoffice and the substitution of Democrats are with the department at Washington, and that he does not desire to humiliate the men by parading the charges in public print. When a representative from the civil service commission came to the city, the discharged men before him were confronted with no charges—in fact they were not permitted to know why they were so summarily dismissed. Such action is nothing save rank injustice. The men have a right to know and meet the charges preferred against them. Their reputation is at stake. To say that charges serious enough to debar them from employment under the United States government, for whose flag many of them sacrificed the best years of their lives, and give them no opportunity to meet them, is cowardly and infamous. Those charges do not need be "paraded in public print," but he against whom they are preferred has a right to meet them and refute them if he can.

The meat in the whole matter is found, however, in the further statement of Postmaster Rockhill, when he declares that if these men continue to defend their honor and reputation, every old "man in the office will have charges preferred against him and a clean sweep will be made!" So we see that after all it is a very easy matter to "trump up" these complaints. If this is not an acknowledgement that they were made merely on partisan pretenses, it would be dificult to find one. The postmaster will not frighten any one with his threats. He has, however, unintentionally revealed the plan adopted at the behest of the Democratic bosses. Every man in the office is to have "charges preferred" against him unless the people wear padlocks on their mouths. These same men are efficient now but to-morrow they may, according to the temper of the postmaster, be of the class to fall under his displeasure, and they will be compelled to go, law and justice to the contrary notwithstanding. The postmaster made a broad confession in his interview, much broader evidently than he intended.

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"For the Good of the Service."

Postmaster Rockhill announces that Messrs Slater, Reitze and Solliday, carriers, and Morgan, distributor, were dismissed "for the good of the service," though the men themselves were given no knowledge whatever of the charges, if any, preferred against them. Why does not Mr. Rockhill act honestly about the matter? He knows, and cannot deny, that the sole cause of offense in these parties is that they are Republicans, and that he desired their positions for Democrats. This is the truth of the whole matter, nothing but the truth, and the postmaster would be much more respected in his acknowledgment of the fact than to attempt by inuendo to reflect upon the character or reputation of honorable and upright men. Mr. Rockhill knows full well that the men discharged were thoroughly competent in every particular, that they had long been in the service, that they performed their duties in a most satisfactory manner, that they were entirely conversant with their work, and no complaints had been made against them, save perhaps those lodged generally by Democratic aspirants for their positions. He knows as well as he knows anything that weeks ago some of the Democrats who then succeeded Republican carriers and clerks had full knowledge that the men last discharged were the men marked by the postmaster for the "next slaughter," simply and solely because they vote the Republican ticket. It may be that Mr. Rockhill really thinks the "good of the service" is subserved by displacing men with years of experience for those who have had but little or none whatever, but such an excuse will be considered by honorable men as especially puerile and flimsy. Let us have the truth in regard to these discharges, as they come hereafter, so that the men may not be compelled to rest under imputations upon their honesty and efficiency. Their good name and record are as much to them as is the reputation of the postmaster to himself, and it is an act of gross injustice to them to announce boldly to the public that their discharges were made "for the good of the service," and leave the public to guess as to the enormity of their crimes.

IN THE HOUSE.

Bill for Refunding the Postmaster of Fort Wayne Passed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—House bill refunding to W. W. Rockhill, postmaster at Fort Wayne, Ind., $117.50 to correct an error in his accounts was passed.

A BILL

TO REIMBURSE W. W. ROCKHILL FOR MONEYS ERRONEOUSLY PAID UNITED STATES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the secretary of the treasury be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to repay W. W. Rockhill, postmaster at Fort Wayne, Indiana, the sum of one hundred and seventeen dollars and fifty cents, to reimburse him for moneys erroneously reported and paid as "key-deposit forfeiture fund," when the same should have been reported "key-deposit redemption fund."

The bill was immediately referred to the committee on claims, p. 640.

MR. LEIGHTY IS FORTUNATE.

HE HAS ALREADY SECURED THE PASSAGE OF TWO MEASURES.

WASHINGTON Jan. 28.—Representative Hanley, from the committee on claims, asked unanimous consent of the house this morning to call up a private bill, introduced by Representative Leighty, to refund to W. W. Rockhill, postmaster at Fort Wayne, the sum of $117.50, to reimburse him for money erroneously reported and paid as "key deposit fund" of the Fort Wayne postoffice, when the money should have been reported "key deposit redemption fund.,, Mr. Hanley explained briefly that the difference between the two funds was that the one fund consisted of the 30 cents paid by the holder of every postoffice box when he received a key, and was to be refunded to him when he returned the key, while the other fund accrued from the money paid by soldiers who lost their keys or otherwise forfeited their original 50 cents. He read a letter from the postoffice department, admitting the complete justice of Mr. Rockhill's claim. The bill passed the house. This is the second measure of Mr. Leighty's to pass the house.

perts. News - Aug 16. 1897

A communication from the postoffice department at Washington is to the effect that the bond of Mr. Rockhill's successor has been received and approved, and that the commission of the newly appointed postmaster awaits the signature of the president and the postmaster general, both of whom are absent from the city. Under these circumstances, Mr. Rockhill may continue in office for several weeks to come.

SHOULD BE BOUNCED.

Gu. Ellis file 6/24

So Thinks a Paper Devoted to Postal Matters.

The Postal Record, published at Washington, D. C., contains the following pungent notice, which will be read with interest here:

We know a postmaster who should be removed on his record, without any investigation or consideration. His name is Rockhill. He draws his salary at Fort Wayne, Ind., a Democratic city, which his administration of its postal affairs contributed in no small degree to make Republican at a city election held there not long ago. In less than a year he has changed about one half of the force employed under him. His latest exhibition of contempt for the civil service law, for which he has never had any use or respect, has produced another victim, letter carrier R. F. Horstman. For the good of the service (?) he first suspended Mr. Horstman thirty days on a trivial charge. The substitute who covered the route during this time had the very best reasons for believing that if he would do the work in less time he would have Mr. Horstman's place. The inducement or temptation was large, other substitutes had won similar prizes under similar circumstances. It was a wagon route and we are reliably informed that during these thirty days the "sub" had a boy with him to help drive the horse. This boy also personally delivered mail matter; but as if it were not enough to violate the law in this regard this substitute in his efforts to kill time nearly killed a good horse, and numerous mis-deliveries were made day after day. The people on this route had much fault to find.

Even if the "sub" did make less time (he kept the only record of his time) than Mr. Horstman was accustomed to record, the postmaster, seemingly having tired of wronging others after having recommended the removal of Mr. Horstman on the charge of loitering, based upon the substitute's display of superior ability (?) desired to withdraw his recommendation. The department it seems refused his repentant request and Mr. Horstman is out of the service, but we sincerely trust will be reinstated after his case has been fully examined into.

Journal Jeans 14/95

A year or more ago the Huntington circuit court set aside the will of the late Mrs. Holt on the application of Mr. W. W. Rockhill, of this city, acting for his daughter. The case was appealed to the supreme court and the judgment of the lower court has just been sustained. Judge McCabe writing the opinion as follows:

A bill of exceptions not being a part of the record of this court the alleged errors relied on in support of the motion for a new trial are not presented for decision.

There must be a proper showing that the long-hand manuscript in the transcript was filed in the clerk's office.

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(Last Evening's Huntington Democrat.)

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GREAT SPORT.

INDEPENDENCE, Iowa, Aug. 28.—*Special Telegram.*—A diminished, though still large crowd witnessed the sport to-day, which was among the best of the week. There were five events on the card, with the stake for 2-year-olds, which was not reached yesterday. The weather was pleasant but cool. Starting Judge Walker was ill and only able to fill his station part of the time.

The first thing out of the box was the 2-year-old stake, bringing up seven youngsters. It was a straight victory for the Kalamazoo farm entry, Vassar, C. W. Williams' Bert Oliver being a good second, the others not in it.

Great interest centered in the big stake for 2:20 trotters on account of the quality of the class. It was the most exciting event thus far seen, and before Labasco won it Bornio Wilmore, Senator Conkling, and Greenleaf had given him three hard drives.

The 2:25 trot called up nine good ones, of which the Red Wilkes mare Dolly Wilkes led the big end, and justified the selection by winning easily, though in fast time.

In the 2:19 class for trotters Vic H. dumped the talent heavily, and McHenry made a great drive with his chestnut stallion Charleston, winning off the reel. The Salisbury mare kept him at work in every heat and would have won the second but for a break near the wire. Darkness came on after one heat of the 2:29 pace had been accomplished, which was won by Telegram in 2:11.

Among the specials were a sensational mile by the Red Wilkes stallion, Red Bell, owned by Rockhill Brothers & Fleming, of Ft. Wayne, Ind., in 2:11¼.

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RED BELL.

Fort Wayne Produces a Pacer That Promises to be a Veritable "World-beater."

Rockhill Brothers' Celebrated Sidewheeler Goes a Mile in 2:11 1-4 at Independence.

The Fastest Pacer in Indiana, and Third Best in the Wide, Wide World.

"Hurrah for Fort Wayne," was the remark of an enthusiastic local horseman this morning. "Two of her celebrated pacers," he continued, "have obtained very fast records during the past week. Red Bell's mile in 2:11¼ yesterday at Independence is one of the most sensational miles of the present season, he having been put in training only about five weeks ago, and to obtain as fast a record as 11¼ is a sensation, and it would not occasion much surprise if he reduced his record very much below these figures. Strathso, the other horse driven by Mr. Mellen, will be given another trial against the watch to-day, and we look to see her further reduce her record.

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THEIR TITLES.

A Late Decision of Great Interest to Owners of Land in the Rockhill Estate.

The Validity of the Titles to One Hundred Homes Attacked—The Law of the Case.

Parties who have purchased and occupy lots in the west end of the city, beyond the St. Mary's River, are just now worrying about the clearness of their titles, which they had long supposed to be perfect, but which a decision in the 101st Indiana Reports now attacks with such earnestness as may put them, in course of time, in the light of trespassers in the eyes of the law, and make them homeless with an invalid deed, and without even a recompense for the improvements, in the way of residences, barns, etc., that they have made.

The property referred to is a portion of the vast landed estate left by Hon Wm. Rockhill upon his decease, nearly a quarter of a century ago. It lies in what is known as Rockhill's 2d addition and in the Rockhill's heirs' addition. The former property includes the site of the Nickel Plate round house, shops and yards. The addition of the heirs is the high land lying north of the residence of Mr. John Orff and traversed by the Nickel Plate and G. R. & I. R. R. It is already well peopled.

The literature of the case will be of interest to many citizens other than those whose titles may be adversely effected, and may be briefly stated as follows: Upon the death of Mr. Rockhill, there survived him as heirs, his widow, Mrs. Emily Rockhill, who was his fourth wife without issue, and eight children by former wives. Three of the children were adults, namely Mrs. I. D. G. Nelson, Mrs. Philo Rumsey and Mrs. Nelson Wheeler. Five were minors, namely, W. W. Rockhill, (present City Clerk), Maria Rockhill, (Mrs. E. L. Craw), and Hugh McCutloch Rockhill, Jesse D. B. Rockhill and Howell C. Rockhill. The other adult children subsequently began suit in partition in the Court of Common Pleas of Allen county, against the five minor heirs. This was in 1866. The case is entitled Nelson et al vs. Rockhill et al. The court held that Mrs. Rockhill was entitled to a life estate in one-third of the property and three commissioners, Messrs. B. W. Oakley, J. Hough and Lott S. Bayless, were appointed to make partition. This they did and reported that they had set off property of the value of one third that of the estate of the widow as her estate for life. The exact pieces of property so set off, which are those affected by the decision in the 101st Indiana, are set out in the report of the commissioners, which the court approved and which may be ascertained at the office of the County Clerk.

Subsequently Mrs. Rockhill conveyed her life estate to William R. Nelson, who also purchased by quit-claim deed from the minor heirs (by Robert S. Taylor, guardian), by order of the Court of Common Pleas. Afterwards Nelson conveyed this property in various parcels to purchasers who number nearly 100. Much of the land has since been resold, and most of it has been built upon.

In the case of Bryan vs. Uland et al., 101st Indiana Reports, page 478, the strong ground taken by the Supreme Court, in its opinion, is thus abridged and condensed by the publisher:

Where an owner of real estate dies, leaving a widow by whom he has no children, and leaving children by a previous wife, the widow, under Section 2483, Revised Statutes, 1881, takes a portion of the deceased husband's real estate in fee simple, free from all demands of creditors, and, under Section 2487, Revised Statutes, 1881, such children, at her death, become her forced heirs, as to the land so acquired by her, which descends to them without regard to any conveyance she may have made. Improvements placed thereon by her, inure to their benefit at her death, as do also improvements made thereon during her life by one in possession under her conveyance taken with knowledge of the facts. During her life, the quit claim of adult children of such decedent, or the conveyance, under order of court, of the guardian of his minor children, cannot convey any estate in the widow's portion; nor will such children be estopped from asserting title to such portion, after her death, by such conveyances, and the receipt by them during her life of the purchase-money therefor, especially where the purchaser had notice of the facts.

Readers of the NEWS, and especially those whose deeds bears the signature of Wm. R. Nelson will be greatly interested in this matter now made public, without prejudice, for the first time. It is evident that the validity of the titles cannot be attacked while Mrs Rockhill, the widow, lives. In the light of the decision noticed above all the title that Nelson acquired was her life estate which ends at her death when the Nelson grantees become not owners but actual trespassers.

It should be said, however, that eminent legal authority in Fort Wayne holds that the case in 101st Indiana does not apply, and that the matter was otherwise and finally adjudicated in the case of Rockhill vs. Rockhill, taken to the Supreme Court to test the widow's legal interest. This case is reported in the 27th Indiana.

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SEC. 2. In all cases where, during the life of the second or subsequent childless wife, and after the death of the husband, the children of the latter by a former wife have executed or attempted to execute conveyances in fee to all, or any part, of the lands affected by the life estate, and have received full payment therefor, or where all or any part of such lands have been conveyed for a full consideration by the guardians of any such children, such conveyances shall, at the death of such second or subsequent childless wife, be held to convey the interest of such children in such lands that would descend to them through such second or subsequent childless wife, and shall estop such children or their heirs from hereafter claiming such interest.

SEC. 3. In all cases where, after the death of such husband, the second or subsequent childless wife, and the children of the decedent by a former wife, or their guardians, have attempted to dispose of the life estate by conveyance one to the other of certain parts of the lands of said decedent, such conveyance shall be held to be void, and shall estop all the parties or their heirs from hereafter claiming any interest so conveyed.

SEC. 4. WHEREAS, An emergency exists for the immediate taking effect of this act, therefore, the same shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

To Honorable William Fleming, who rose from a sick bed, to go to Indianapolis in behalf of the above legislation, are the property owners in the Rockhill addition, whose homes were placed in jeopardy; under obligations for this splendid work, and the NEWS is glad to be able to assure all that the title to the property in question, is now as perfect as though it had been received direct from the government. This matter is also of great public importance, because improvements in that part of the city affected by this controversy, have been greatly retarded by the suspicion that has attached to the title.

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A LUSCIOUS LETTER

City Clerk Wright Rockhill Writes the Gazette of the Glorious Sights He Saw at Cape May.

He Tells Us How the Girls Bathe—Some Fine Points He has Discovered—His Pleasant Sojourn at the Sea Shore—George Ohneck and Joe Cope Leave for There by Fast Train To-day.

CAPE MAY, N. J., Aug. 7, 1880.

To the Editor of the GAZETTE.

Arrived here a few days ago and am highly enjoying myself. This is the finest place I have visited yet along the seashore. The opportunities and appliances for bathing are grand and the number of pretty girls astounding. I will tell you how the girls go in the sea as near as I have observed:

The young woman who has hired her suit and towels enters her little house and finds its interior to be a pretty room of varnished pine. She hangs her wrapper on one of the pegs overhead, and puts her collar, cuffs and corsets on a broad shelf over the seat, on which she may rest comfortably while removing her shoes and stockings. A large mirror near the door will especially delight her. When she finds herself in the condition of the lady from Richmond; who called out from her room to her husband yesterday that her suit was too small and what could she do "standing here in nothing but my hat and stockings," the fair bather may turn to the suit she has hired.

If she is a Narragansett Pier girl she will be sorely disappointed, for the suit is certain to be pretty long in the legs, the skirts and the sleeves. But if she hails from anywhere else she will be content, for it will prove to be the regulation blue flannel affair that is as uniform in out and length all up and down the coast outside of Rhode Island, as if some sea king years ago had ordered that one garb for all who seek the cooling edges of his domain. Cape May is especially conservative in that respect. There are many pretty private suits to be seen, but they only differ from the public ones in being a little shorter in the skirts, in having white yokes let into the blue flannel from the neck to the Rose Elizabeth bust line, in having the sleeves cut very short, and quite often in having scolloped edges to the trousers and the bottoms of the skirts—the scollops being trimmed with white braid. The prettiest and most novel suits seen here are complete outfits of black—shirt, skirt, stockings and head kerchiefs all being alike. Jersey waists are used for these, and the trousers are cut to fit as nearly like paint upon the wall as possible.

It would be very pertinent for any of my old friends to inquire how the knowledge about the fit of the trousers is acquired. The fact is, then, that not even at Narragansett Pier is there so much freedom of behavior on the beach as at Cape May. It is perfectly innocent and natural, and perhaps that is why it seems so extraordinary, for one does not catch women being natural at every place, by a long shot. The pretty girls on this beach think nothing at all of exposing their trousers. They come out of the water by the dozens at a time with their skirts crumpled up in their little brown hands while they are wringing the water out of them, and thus engaged they walk up and down the sand with their escorts. Indeed, it is a very common thing to see the men catch up these skirts and wring them out for the girls. At Long Branch this would be a penitentiary offense, but here at the cape the girls are grateful for the attention. This act of wringing the wet from bathing skirts is very important, and is performed at every beach. It keeps the garment from plastering itself to the wearer's body and returns to it the flow and "set" that are so thoroughly desirable.

But at other beaches where I have been this trip the women rid their skirts of water by pressing upon them with their hands or by rubbing them, and if they give the bottoms a little squeezing this is invariably done just as they reach a depth at which their limbs are concealed in the surf. But there is no such nonsense at Cape May. Here your pretty bather skips out upon the beach and takes her skirts resolutely and vigorously in hand and wrings them, and if you catch her eye at the moment she will look at you as innocently and modestly as if she were caught manipulating a bit of flannel over a washtub at home. The proof of her spirit lies in that honest look. Honi soit qui mal y pense. But there are other customs at Cape May which also enable any except the blind to fathom the mysteries of feminine attire.

It is a wonderfully free and easy beach.

The girls have a great way of seating themselves at the edge of the water, or lying there prone upon their stomachs, so that the waves wash their skirts up in their laps or on their backs. They think nothing of it, or else they have thought of it and come to the wise and true conclusion that wherever their skirts are their bodies are covered from throat to toes, and certainly no bare-legged man has a right to shy any of the stones of criticism at them.

I will close by saying that I don't know when I will be back to Fort Wayne. Tell Treasurer Borghoff to run the council. I shan't [illegible] here till the bathing season is o[illegible] w flies.

Yours truly, W. W. [illegible]

'OSTLER JOE.

I stood at eve, as the sun went down, by a grave where a woman lies,
Who lured men's souls to the shores of sin with the lights of her wanton eyes,
Who sang the song that the siren sang on the treacherous Lurley height,
Whose face was as fair as a summer day and whose heart was as black as night.

Yet a blossom I fain would pluck to-day from the garden above her dust—
Not the languorous lily of soulless sin nor the blood-red rose of lust,
But a sweet white blossom of holy love that grew in the one green spot
In the arid desert of Phryne's life, where all was parched and hot.

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In the summer, when the meadows were a-glow with blue and red,
Joe, the 'ostler of the Magpie, and fair Annie Smith were wed.
Plump was Annie, plump and pretty, with a cheek as white as snow;
He was anything but handsome, was the Magpie's 'ostler, Joe.

But he won the winsome lassie. They'd a cottage and a cow,
And her matronhood sat lightly on the village beauty's brow.
Sped the months and came a baby—such a blue eyed baby boy!
Joe was working in the stables when they told him of his joy.

He was rubbing down the horses, and he gave them then and there
All a special feed of clover, just in honor of the heir.
It had been his great ambition, and he told the horses so,
That the Fates would send a baby who might bear the name of Joe.

Little Joe, the child was christened, and, like babies, grew apace.
He'd his mother's eyes of azure and his father's honest face.
Swift the happy years went over, years of blue and cloudless sky,
Love was lord of that small cottage, and the tempests passed them by.

Passed them by for years, then swiftly burst in fury o'er their home,
Down the lane by Annie's cottage chanced a gentleman to roam;
Thrice he came and saw her sitting by the window with her child,
And he nodded to the baby, and the baby laughed and smiled.

So at last it grew to know him—little Joe was nearly four:
He would call the "pretty gemplin" as he passed the open door;
And one day he ran and caught him, and in child's play pulled him in;
And the baby Joe had prayed for brought about the mother's sin.

'Twas the same old wretched story that for ages bards have sung,
'Twas a woman weak and wanton and a villain's tempting tongue;
'Twas a picture deftly painted for a silly creature's eyes
Of the Babylonian wonders and the joy that in them lies.

Annie listened and was tempted; she was tempted and she fell,
As the angels fell from heaven to the blackest depths of hell:
She was promised wealth and splendor and a life of guilty sloth,
Yellow gold for child and husband, and the woman left them both.

Home one eve came Joe the 'Ostler with a cheery cry of "Wife!"
Finding that which blurred for ever all the story of his life.
She had left a silly letter—through the cruel scrawl he spelt;
Then he sought the lonely bedroom, joined his horny hands and knelt.

"Now, O Lord, O God, forgive her, for she ain't to blame!" he cried;
"For I owt t'a seen her trouble, and 'agone away and died.
"Why, a wench like her—God bless her! 'twasnt likely as her'd rest
"With that bonny head forever on a 'ostler's ragged vest.

"It was kind o' her to bear me all this long and happy time,
"So for my sake please to bless her, though you count her deed a crime;
"If so be I don't pray proper, Lord, forgive me; for you see
"I can talk all right to 'osses, but I'm nervous like with Thee."

Ne'er a line came to the cottage from the woman who had flown,
Joe, the baby, died that winter, and the man was left alone.
Ne'er a bitter word he uttered, but in silence kissed the rod,
Saving what he told the horses, saving what he told his God.

Far away in mighty London rose the woman into fame,
For her beauty won men's homage, and she prospered in her shame;
Quick from lord to lord she flitted, higher still each prize she won,
And her rivals paled beside her as the stars beside the sun.

Next she made the stage her market, and she dragged Art's temple down
To the level of a show place for the outcasts of the town,
And the kisses she had given to poor 'Ostler Joe for nought
With their gold and costly jewels rich and and titled lovers bought.

Went the years with flying footsteps while the star was at its height;
Then the darkness came on swiftly, and the gloaming turned to night.

Shattered strength and faded beauty tore the laurels from her brow;
Of the thousands who had worshiped never one came near her now.

Broken down in health and fortune men forgot her very name,
Till the news that she was dying woke the echoes of her fame;
And the papers, in their gossip, mentioned how an "actress" lay
Sick to death in humble lodgings, growing weaker every day.

One there was who read the story in a far-off country place,
And that night the dying woman woke and looked upon his face,
Once again the strong arms clasped her that had clasped her long ago.
And the weary head lay pillowed on the breast of 'Ostler Joe.

All the past had he forgotten, all the sorrow and the shame;
He had found her sick and lonely, and his wife he now could claim.
Since the grand folks who had known her one and all had slunk away,
He could clasp his long-lost darling, and no man would say him nay.

In his arms death found her lying, in his arms her spirit fled;
And his tears came down in torrents as he knelt beside her dead,
Never once his love had faltered through her base, unhallowed life;
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